

Singapore

01 and 02 February 2023

Pete & Caroline Stevens

On a round world journey we stopped off for three nights in Singapore. Very poor (wet) weather on the first day prevented us doing much but was followed by two hot humid days during which we explored three areas of the City State. A ten dollar Metro (MRT) ticket sufficed for our journeys and finding our way around we found to be easy using this form of transport – and walking.

Our first outing was to the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park. One of Singapore's largest urban parks its old concrete canal has been naturalised into a 3km meandering river. The park also features trees, shrubbery, ponds and wetlands. Among its wildlife is a large troupe of Smooth-coated Otters.

The next day we started close to our hotel in the Fort Canning Park. The park is in main a wooded hill once the location of 14th century Kings Palaces and during World War Two served as the Headquarters of the Far East Command Centre and British Army Barracks. There are many easy paths through the area and trees full of birds. In the afternoon we travelled to the Singapore Botanical Gardens where we found not just some fine bird life but also numerous damsel and dragonflies.



01 February -

Red Junglefowl

Black-crowned Night Heron

Grey Heron

Purple Heron

Yellow Bittern

Chinese Pond heron

White-bellied Sea Eagle

White-breasted Waterhen

Zebra Dove

Oriental Turtle Dove

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot

Swinhoe's (Williamson's) white-eye

Asian Koel

Common Kingfisher

Collared Kingfisher

White-throated Kingfisher

Brown Shrike

Javan Myna

Oriental Magpie Robin

Black-naped Oriole

Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Crested Goshawk

Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park

Plantain Squirrel

Smooth-coated otters

Malayan Water Monitor

pond turtle sp.

01 February 2023 –

Fort Canning Park

Oriental Turtle Dove

White-bellied Sea Eagle

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Black Hornbill

Asian Koel

Pied Fantail

Singapore Botanical Gardens

Lesser Whistling Duck

Asian Water Monitor

Black Swan (Introd)

Brown-throated Sunbird

Olive-backed Sunbird

Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Blue-throated Bee-eater

Olive-winged bulbul

White-breasted Waterhen (with two young)

Long-tailed Parakeet

House Crow

Black-throated Sunbird

Pacific Swallow

Puff-throated bulbul

Dark-necked Tailorbird

Brahminy Kite



Odonata

Bishan Park

Common Parasol (*Neurothemis fluctuans*)

Yellow-striped Flutterer (*Rhyothemis Phyllis*)

Scarlet Skimmer (*Crocothemis servilia*)

Oriental Blue Dasher (*Brachydiplax chalybea*)

Singapore Botanical Gardens

Common Parasol (*Neurothemis fluctuans*)

Scarlet Skimmer (*Crocothemis servilia*)

Scarlet Basker (*Urothemis signata*)

Common Parasol

