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 troup 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 - Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park

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

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
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