

## Grass Sun Skink *Eutropis macularia* at Panti Forest, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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**Location:** Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, Kota Tinggi, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.  
**Habitat:** Secondary lowland rainforest.  
**Date and time:** 9 August 2009, 07:55 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Grass Sun Skink, *Eutropis macularia* (Reptilia: Sauria: Scincidae).

**Description of observation:** One male of estimated 6 cm snout-vent length and with a regenerated tail was found on an exposed, sandy, lowland trail.



Fig. 1. : Dorso-lateral view of subject.

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**Remarks:** This small skink, the males of which are recognized by their reddish throat, is widely distributed from Pakistan eastwards to Indochina, and down through the Malay Peninsula to as far south as Endau-Rompin National Park (Grismer, 2011: 569).

The species does not appear in the herpetofauna list for Gunung Panti compiled by Chan et al (2010), thus this record appears to be the first for the Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, and is the southernmost record for the species in Peninsular Malaysia.



Fig. 2. : Lateral view of the reddish throat

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