

## Species of the Month 4/2023 || White-bellied Rat Snake

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**As its name suggests, the White-bellied Rat Snake has an underside that's white or yellowish. In Singapore, it is found mostly at the Central Catchment. It feeds on small vertebrates such as frogs and lizards and can be found in forest streams hunting for its prey. The adult can grow up to 3m long!**

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## SPECIES OF THE MONTH

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### WHITE-BELLIED RAT SNAKE

*Ptyas fusca*

#### APPEARANCE

- The white-bellied rat snake has a brown or reddish-brown slender body
- Its underside is yellowish or white, as its name suggests
- It also has a broad black stripe along its sides, closer to the rear

#### HABITAT

- The white-bellied rat snake inhabits forested areas, typically being found near water
- In Singapore, they can mostly be found at the Central Catchment

#### Diet

- White-bellied rat snakes feed on small vertebrates such as frogs and lizards!
- They can even be found in forest streams hunting for their prey!

#### FUN FACT

As a diurnal species, white-bellied rat snakes are active during the day. At night, they can be found curled up on branches, taking a nice nap! Adults can grow to as large as 3 metres!

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