

Species of the Month 8/2023 || Cerulean Carpenter Bee

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One of the first bee species recorded for Singapore by Sir Alfred Russell Wallace around 1854, the Cerulean Carpenter Bee can be found in forested parks and nature reserves here! Find out more about it below! 🐝

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CERULEAN CARPENTER BEE

Xylocopa caerulea

APPEARANCE

- The head, thorax, first abdominal segment, and the sides of the second abdominal segment of the female is covered with blue hair. The rest of the abdomen is black.
- The head and thorax of the male is covered with dark green hair, and the abdomen is black.

HABITAT

- The Cerulean Carpenter Bee is found mostly in forested parks and nature reserves.
- They are attracted to flowers of buzz-pollinated plants.

Diet

- The bees drink the nectar of flowers, and the female bees will also gather pollen and nectar for their offspring.
- They are generalists, and visit the flowers of different plant species. Some common species they visit include Simpoh Air, Sendudok and Tiup Tiup.

FUN FACT

The Cerulean Carpenter Bee is one of the first bee species recorded for Singapore by Sir Alfred Russell Wallace around 1854. It was featured on a 20-cent Singapore postage stamp back in 1985!

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