

## Species of the Month 4/2024 || Common Flameback

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The Common Flameback is one of the most commonly seen woodpeckers in Singapore. It's easy to see where it gets its name from – both male and female species have a golden yellow back!

Read more about the woodpecker below.

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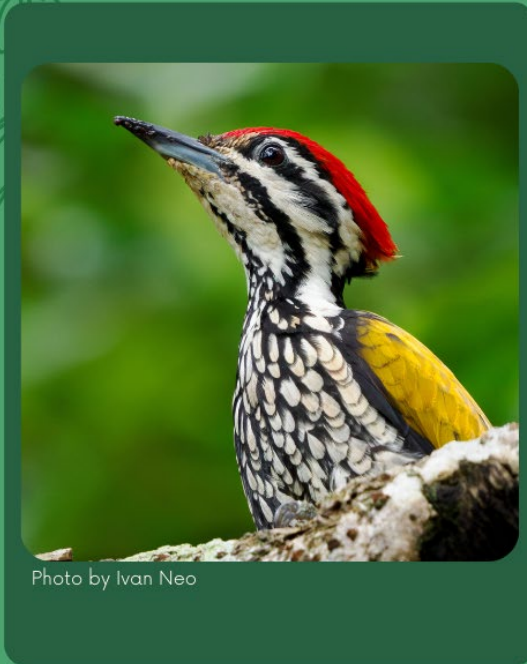


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### COMMON FLAMEBACK

*Dinopium javanense*

#### APPEARANCE

- The Common Flameback is a distinctive woodpecker species in Singapore with a golden back and scaly front.
- The males have striking red crowns while the females have black crowns bearing some white streaks.

#### HABITAT

- The Common Flameback can be found in most habitats in Singapore, including parks, gardens, mangroves and wooded areas such as forests.

#### DIET

The Common Flameback is primarily an insectivore, foraging along tree branches to look for insects such as ants or cockroaches.

#### FUN FACT

Being a woodpecker, the Common Flameback has to withstand high forces as it pecks wood. The tail feathers are adapted to be stiffer and act as an anchor as the woodpecker pecks wood.

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