

## Species of the Month 06/2017 || Yellow-vented Bulbul

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NUS Students Against Violation of the Earth (SAVE) and the Office of Environmental Sustainability present “Campus in a Tropical Rainforest”, an initiative that aims to create awareness of the biodiversity that surrounds us in NUS. In each monthly issue, we will be featuring a species that can be spotted or found in NUS to help us get to know them better. So, if you happen to be travelling around campus between classes, remember to stop and look around your surroundings, for you may be surprised to come across some of the other inhabitants of NUS.

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# CAMPUS IN A TROPICAL RAINFOREST

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### Yellow-vented Bulbul

*Pycnonotus goiavier*  
Family Pycnonotidae

 **Appearance**

- Yellow-vented Bulbuls have light brown bodies and can be distinguished by their characteristic pale yellow vents
- They have dark brown heads with white stripes running above their eyes and black stripes from the base of their beaks to their eyes
- Juveniles are a darker shade of brown with a grey breast

 **Habitat**

Found in Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and other countries in Southeast Asia. They can be found in most habitats except for dense forests.

 **Diet**

- Yellow-vented Bulbuls eat a wide variety of plant food including fruits, seeds, nectar and flowers
- They also feed on insects such as ants, grasshoppers and caterpillars

 **Fun Facts**

- The nest is cup-shaped and made with dried plant matter such as leaves, twigs, fibres and stems of creepers
- They have a distinct 'bubbling' call that is commonly heard in the early mornings and late evenings
- These birds play an important ecological role in Singapore as seed dispersers of many plants such as the Sendudok and Simpoh Air

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