

Species of the Month 05/2017 || Pink-necked Green Pigeon


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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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Pink-necked Green Pigeon

Treron vernans
Family Columbidae

 **Appearance**

- Males of these pigeons can be easily distinguished by their colourful plumage - it has a bluish-grey head, a pink neck and an orange breast
- Females are much duller in comparison, being almost completely green
- Juveniles of both sexes resemble the females

 **Habitat**

Found in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and other countries in Southeast Asia, they can be seen in secondary forests, parks, gardens and coastal districts.

 **Diet**

- They are frugivorous and feed on the fruits of plants such as Tembusu, Simpoh Air and various figs
- Fledglings are fed regurgitated fruits

 **Fun Facts**


- These pigeons live in flocks of 5 to 50 and move across the country searching for fruiting trees
- Both sexes share various duties such as nest building, incubation and brooding:
 - Nest building: Males gather materials while females build the nest
 - Incubation and brooding: Males stay in the nest during the day, while females stay during the night

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