

# Wildlife in an Urban Jungle

## Pasir Ris Park

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The Red Junglefowl is the wild ancestor of the domesticated chicken



A sleepy Oriental Pied Hornbill dozes off in the foliage



A Paradise Tree Snake makes a meal of a lizard



The Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo is a species of cuckoo that closely resembles the drongo

Singapore, despite its glitzy urban appearance, is home to an incredible array of wildlife. The island's rich biodiversity can be observed in the four nature reserves as well as the numerous parks across the city.

One such nature hotspot is the Pasir Ris Park, in the northeastern part of Singapore. This beach park includes a 15-acre mangrove forest, which can be easily explored via a winding boardwalk. Here's a look at some of the avian and reptilian residents of Pasir Ris Park.

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The striking Black Baza is a small sized bird of prey



It's yoga time for this Grey Heron



A Malayan Water Monitor Lizard basks high up on a tree



A rarely seen Black-crowned Night Heron