

## Six-lined Long-tailed Grass Lizard *Takydromus sexlineatus* on Pulau Bintan, Riau Islands, Indonesia

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**Subject identified by:** Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location:** Garden of de Bintan Villa resort, situated south of Kampur village, Pulau Bintan, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

**Habitat:** Rural garden compound surrounded by disturbed, secondary forest

**Date and time:** 21 October 2012, 11:09 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Six-lined Long-tailed Grass Lizard, *Takydromus sexlineatus* (Reptilia: Sauria: Lacertidae).

**Description of observation:** One example of estimated 6 cm snout-vent length (35 cm total length) was seen moving on the ground in short grass (Figs. 1 and 2.). Its body movement as it ran away appeared typical of a snake, which it was at first assumed to be, with a long undulating tail.

**Remarks:** The Six-lined Long-tailed Grass Lizard inhabits disturbed, open, grassy areas and has an immensely long tail that can be over 5 times the length of its head and body. It ranges from India and southern China, down to northern parts of Peninsula Malaysia including Kedah and Penang Island (Grismer, 2011: 542). There are no records south of there, but the species also occurs on Borneo, Sumatra, Java and Bali (Das, 2010: 225).



Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

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