

Dairy Farm Nature Park

In the 1800s, many forests in Singapore, including the one at the site of **Dairy Farm Nature Park**, were cleared for gambier and pepper plantations.



In 1929, the same site was used for pig farming before being converted into a **dairy farm** three years later. **Friesian cows** from Holland and Australia were specially imported to establish a dairy herd to meet the demand for fresh milk in Singapore. This project, which at one time had 900 cows producing milk, ended in the 1980s when the farm was taken over by a gardening and landscaping company.

In 2007, the National Parks Board began developing this plot of land into today's Dairy Farm Nature Park. With the development of Dairy Farm Nature Park, which is situated on the edge of **Bukit Timah Nature Reserve**, land previously used for various commercial purposes is slowly being taken back by the forest and its inhabitants.

The Bukit Timah Nature Reserve contains Singapore's last remaining and largest patch of primary rainforest and the Dairy Farm Nature Park acts as a buffer to this incredibly fragile patch of our natural heritage.

Flora and fauna at the Dairy Farm Nature Park:

Peacock Ferns

Spike Mosses Selaginella species are generally known as Peacock Ferns. They seem to shimmer in the sun, appearing blue and green, just like peacock feathers! You can see five endangered species of Spike Mosses in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve.



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Photo: Cai Yixiong

Crimson Sunbird

The male Crimson Sunbird has crimson breasts and maroon backs. The females are clad in a drab olive-green back.

They hover like hummingbirds to take nectar but usually perch to feed.

Clouded Monitor Lizard

The Clouded Monitor Lizard is smaller than its cousin, the Water Monitor Lizard. It usually dwells on the ground but climbs trees.



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Longhorn Beetles

Longhorn Beetles are characterised by extremely long antennae, which are often as long as or even longer than the beetle's body.

The larvae of the Longhorn Beetle bore into wood for food. There are about 130 species of Longhorn Beetles at Dairy Farm Nature Park.