

## MEDIA FACTSHEET B

### Biodiversity Week

To commemorate the International Day of Biological Diversity, NParks will be organising a suite of events and activities during Biodiversity Week (20 to 28 May) to encourage the community to explore and encounter nature in Singapore. These programmes will take place in schools and our parks, gardens and nature areas.

### **Festival of Biodiversity**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Venue</b>
27 - 28 May 10.30AM - 10.30PM	<p><b><u>Festival of Biodiversity</u></b></p> <p>Organised in collaboration with the Biodiversity Roundtable, the community-led Festival of Biodiversity celebrates Singapore's biodiversity. Through games, crafts, interactive booths and exhibitions, the Festival aims to enthuse the general public about conserving our natural heritage.</p> <p>More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2qVt5SP">http://bit.ly/2qVt5SP</a></p>	nex shopping mall
27 May - 28 May	<p><b><u>Festival of Biodiversity Speakers Series</u></b></p> <p>Despite being a small and urbanised island nation, a surprising variety of biodiversity can be found living in Singapore. This Festival of Biodiversity, join our panel of guest speakers from the local biodiversity conservation scene, as they share fascinating insights gleaned from their journey to learn more about Singapore's rich natural heritage.</p> <p><b>Session 1: 27 May (Sat), 2pm to 3.30pm</b> Featuring Ms Helen Nash (Singapore Pangolin Working Group), Mr Philemon Foo (Fuchun Secondary School), Ms Heng Pei Yan (Sister's Islands Marine Park Volunteer), Ms Joleen Chan (International Coastal Clean-up Singapore)</p> <p><b>Session 2: 28 May (Sun), 11.30am to 1pm</b> Featuring Mr Sean Yap (Entomological Network of</p>	Programme Zone, Serangoon Public Library, nex shopping mall

	<p>Singapore), Ms Gwendolyn Chow (Intertidal Watch), Ms Isabelle Lee (Nature Society (Singapore)), Mr Sankar Ananthanarayanan (Herpetological Society of Singapore)</p> <p><b>Session 3: 28 May (Sun), 2pm to 3.30pm</b> Featuring Ms. Fung Tze Kwan (Common Palm Civet research), Dr. Neo Mei Lin (St John's Island National Marine Laboratory), Dr. Andie Ang (Raffles' Banded Langur Working Group), Mr Jeffery Teo (Otter Working Group).</p> <p>More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2axa3cm">http://bit.ly/2axa3cm</a></p>	
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### Citizen Science Programmes

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
20 - 26 May 8.00AM - 11.30AM	<p><b><u>Nationwide BioBlitz</u></b></p> <p>BioBlitz sessions will be taking place in various locations across Singapore, including schools, parks and community gardens. Participants will be working alongside naturalists and researchers to document the flora and fauna that can be found within a particular area. This will aid in habitat enhancement for the various nature sites.</p> <p>More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2lfA4Uo">http://bit.ly/2lfA4Uo</a></p>	28 parks and gardens across Singapore, 20 CIB gardens and 30 CIN schools
20 - 28 May 9.30AM - 3.00PM	<p><b><u>Butterfly Watch</u></b></p> <p>The Butterfly Watch is a citizen science initiative organised as part of the NParks Community in Nature (CIN) Biodiversity Watch Series, to get Singaporeans involved in collecting valuable information about the butterflies in our parks, gardens and reserves.</p> <p>More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/1VkpEOW">http://bit.ly/1VkpEOW</a></p>	Various sites around Singapore

## Guided Walks

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
20 May and 27 May  9.00AM - 10.00AM	<p><b><u>Learning Forest Tour</u></b></p> <p>Join us to explore habitats ranging from a freshwater forest to a lowland rainforest at the Learning Forest via a network of boardwalks and elevated walkways.</p> <p>Registration is required at the Visitor Services Counter (Tyersall Gate) 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p>	Visitor Services Counter - Tyersall Gate, Singapore Botanic Gardens
20 May  9.30AM - 10.30AM	<p><b><u>Bee Walk</u></b></p> <p>Bees are the world's most important pollinators, but they're often misunderstood. Amazingly, over 120 bee species are known from Singapore. Find out more about what's buzzing in our parks and gardens during this guided walk in Tampines Eco Green!</p> <p>Please register by emailing <a href="mailto:zestin_soh@nparks.gov.sg">zestin_soh@nparks.gov.sg</a> or <a href="mailto:isnarti_jamari@nparks.gov.sg">isnarti_jamari@nparks.gov.sg</a> with the subject "Bee Walk at TEG Registration" along with your Full Name and Contact Number.</p>	Tampines Eco Green
20 May  9.00AM - 10.30AM	<p><b><u>Gardeners' Day Out - Nature Walk with Bian</u></b></p> <p>Get up close and personal with nature in this garden trail and enjoy the scenery and biodiversity around you.</p> <p>Registration required at Visitor Services Centre @ HortPark 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p>	HortPark
20 May  10.00AM - 11.00AM	<p><b><u>Gardeners' Day Out - Garden Walk</u></b></p> <p>Join us for a guided walk at the Native Garden @ HortPark for a showcase of native plants.</p>	HortPark

	Registration required at Visitor Services Centre @ HortPark 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.	
21 May to 28 May 9.00AM - 10.00AM 10.00AM - 11.00AM	<p><b><u>Tour of Native Garden @ HortPark</u></b></p> <p>Join us for a guided tour of the Native Garden @ HortPark to find out more about native plants, their habitats and uses.</p> <p>Registration is required at Visitor Services Centre @ HortPark 15-minutes before the scheduled start time.</p>	HortPark
21 May 9.30AM - 11.00AM	<p><b><u>Nature Appreciation Walk at Lower Peirce</u></b></p> <p>Rediscover the wonders of Lower Peirce through this nature appreciation guided walk. Along the shady, cool boardwalk, discover and learn about the amazing plants &amp; animals that can be found along the trails. Keep an eye out for pitcher plants, Macaranga (Ant-plant) and Nibong palms as well as macaques and on lucky days we might even get spot the Flying lemur (Colugo) in action. Gain a greater appreciation of Singapore's rich natural heritage and the need to protect it for our future generations.</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/2qtQT0e">http://bit.ly/2qtQT0e</a></p>	Lower Peirce Trail, Hevea Trail Entrance
27 May 4.00PM - 5.30PM	<p><b><u>Trees of the Fort Tour</u></b></p> <p>The Trees of the Fort tour is a guided walk led by volunteer guides who will bring participants to find out more about the heritage trees and other beautiful trees like the towering Kapok, flaky Gelam and magnificent Madras Thorn at Fort Canning Park.</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/2pmf28G">http://bit.ly/2pmf28G</a></p>	Fort Canning Park
27 May	<b><u>Heritage Tour</u></b>	Visitor Service Counter -

<p>9.00AM - 10.00AM</p>	<p>For over 150 years, Singapore Botanic Gardens has been the birth place of Southeast Asia's rubber and orchid industries. A walk through Tanglin / Heritage Core of the Gardens will evoke memories of bygone days where ladies strolled through the Gardens with parasols and long skirts. Highlights of the tour include the Bandstand, sculptures in the Gardens, the Heritage Trees, the Main Gate and the Saraca Stream Walk.</p> <p>Registration is required at the Visitor Services Counter (Tanglin Gate) 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p>	<p>Tanglin, Singapore Botanic Gardens</p>
<p>27 May 10.00AM - 10.45AM</p>	<p><b><u>Race Against Time – Science Behind a Botanic Garden Tour</u></b></p> <p>Be introduced to the research facilities at the Singapore Botanic Gardens such as the Library of Botany &amp; Horticulture, Orchid &amp; Micro-propagation laboratory and the Herbarium.</p> <p>Learn about the orchid hybridisation programme, a process introduced back in 1930's by the then Director, R.E Holttum.</p> <p>Registration is required at the Visitor Services Counter (Tanglin Gate) 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p>	<p>Visitor Service Counter - Tanglin, Singapore Botanic Gardens</p>
<p>27 May 9.30AM - 11.00AM</p>	<p><b><u>What's in my water?</u></b></p> <p>Join us for an interesting guided walk featuring our lesser known creatures of the mudflats in Sungei Buloh.</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/2o0biG4">http://bit.ly/2o0biG4</a></p>	<p>Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Visitor Centre. Meet at Information Counter, Kranji Way Entrance.</p>
<p>27 May 9.00AM - 11.00AM</p>	<p><b><u>Ecolife @ BAMKP</u></b></p> <p>Ecolife is a two-hour tour that introduces the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and the biodiversity found in the River Plains through the use of interactive exploration themes and activities. The</p>	<p>Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, Promenade (Multipurpose Shelter)</p>

	<p>tour aims to encourage family bonding between parents and children through the process of learning together. Join us as we take you through this tour with fun hands-on activities!</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/2pmfUtY">http://bit.ly/2pmfUtY</a></p>	
<p>28 May 9.30AM - 11.00AM</p>	<p><b><u>Civic District Tree Trail</u></b></p> <p>The Civic District Tree Trail takes you through Singapore's historic Civic District where you will marvel by the many majestic trees which have witnessed the transformation and progress of Singapore through the years.</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/2pmBZc9">http://bit.ly/2pmBZc9</a></p>	Civic District
<p>28 May 7.00AM - 9.00AM</p>	<p><b><u>Intertidal Outreach @ Parks with Intertidal Watch</u></b></p> <p>As part of Intertidal Watch's efforts to generate greater awareness on marine biodiversity in Singapore, volunteer guides will share with the public fun facts about intertidal animals found in our parks and the importance of conserving marine biodiversity</p> <p>Register at:</p> <p>Session 1 ~ 6.30AM – 8.00AM <a href="http://bit.ly/2pO4UBi">http://bit.ly/2pO4UBi</a></p> <p>Session 2 ~ 7.00AM – 8.30AM <a href="http://bit.ly/2qjefUU">http://bit.ly/2qjefUU</a></p> <p>Session 3 ~ 8.00AM – 9.00AM <a href="http://bit.ly/2pBwu9C">http://bit.ly/2pBwu9C</a></p>	

### Volunteering Opportunities

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
24 May and 27 May	<p><b><u>Volunteer @ Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park</u></b></p> <p>Horticulture volunteers will get to work closely with the park horticulturists to manage and</p>	Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park

<p>9.00AM - 11.00AM</p>	<p>beautify the landscape in Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park. They will get the opportunity to carry out a variety of tasks like planting, pruning, weeding, fertilising and composting. nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg</p> <p>Please register by emailing <a href="mailto:nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg">nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg</a> with the subject "BAMKP Volunteer Registration" along with your Full Name, Contact Number and Age.</p>	
<p>27 May 9.00AM - 10.30AM</p>	<p><b><u>Volunteer @ Yishun Park</u></b></p> <p>The volunteer programme at Yishun Park seeks to engage members of the public who are interested in having a hand in revitalising and maintaining the park. Volunteers are given the opportunity to carry out horticultural works such as pruning/planting new shrubs and saplings.</p> <p>Please register by emailing <a href="mailto:volunteer@nparks.gov.sg">volunteer@nparks.gov.sg</a> with the subject "YP Volunteer Registration" along with your Full Name, Contact Number and Age.</p>	<p>Yishun Park</p>

### Workshops and Talks

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
<p>20 May 9.00AM - 11.00AM</p>	<p><b><u>Smell the Herbs</u></b></p> <p>Put your nose to the test in this fun game of herb identification!</p>	<p>Lifestyle Corner, HortPark</p>
<p>20 May 5.45PM - 6.30PM</p>	<p><b><u>Butterflies: How they enhance garden biodiversity</u></b></p> <p>In this talk, the speaker will share about the need for butterflies as pollinators and as an indispensable part of the food chain. In addition, he will also share tips on how to care for butterflies and caterpillars in your garden!</p> <p>Speakers: Tian How Ming (CIB Ambassador)</p>	<p>Programme Zone, Queenstown Public Library</p>

## Concerts

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
21 May 5.00PM - 6.00PM	<p><b><u>Temasek Junior College Chinese Orchestra Presents 《松声竹韵 – 水谢听香》</u></b></p> <p>Join the Temasek Junior College Chinese Orchestra for a relaxing soiree amidst the greenery and tranquillity. Led by conductor Mr Ng Seng Hong, the orchestra will present pieces such as Night in the Woods 《林中夜会》 and Alishan 《阿里山》 as well as other melodious pieces.</p>	Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens
27 May 6.30PM - 7.30PM	<p><b><u>Poland Sounds Good</u></b></p> <p>Come and join us with your families and friends for this one-night only performance by four phenomenal Polish musicians: Arkadiusz Bielak (piano), Hanna Krasnodebska (violin), Jacek Mirucki (bass), Wacław Turek (accordion) who will enchant us with the finest music from Poland and across the world.</p> <p>With truly versatile tunes, the concert by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland promises to be an unforgettable feast for the ears for all music lovers.</p>	Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore, Botanic Gardens
28 May 5.30PM - 7.00PM	<p><b><u>Thomson Jazz presents Big Band Bash</u></b></p> <p>Thomson Jazz Club, Singapore's only Jazz Club has been established since 1993. Under the Club are Thomson Big Band and Thomson Swing Band. The traditional jazz big bands consist of saxophones, trumpets, trombones and supported by a rhythm section. At their annual Big Band Bash at the Singapore Botanic, you will hear jazz standards from the 1930's and 40's which were then "top of the pops", along with jazz tunes from the repertoire of present day composers. Do bring along a picnic basket and dine al fresco in lush, green surroundings while the bands delight you with tunes designed to brighten up your weekend.</p>	Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens



## Others

Date/Time	Programme	Venue
20 May 9.00AM - 3.00PM	<b><u>Gardeners' Day Out</u></b> HortPark's signature event promises an entire day of gardening and lifestyle activities for everyone. More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/1EZ2Qq1">http://bit.ly/1EZ2Qq1</a>	HortPark
20 May 10.00AM - 11.00AM	<b><u>Storytelling Time</u></b> In this interactive session suitable for pre-schoolers, librarians from the National Library Board will present two stories, "Little Rooster's Diamond Button" and "Interrupting Chicken", and conduct a simple craft activity. More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2r3YIMJ">http://bit.ly/2r3YIMJ</a>	Lifestyle Corner, HortPark
22 - 25 May 10.00AM - 4.00PM	<b><u>SUNshine Wetlands Exhibition @ Woodlands</u></b> In conjunction with Biodiversity Week, MINDS Woodlands students are putting up an exhibition on Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve as an extension of their learning experience from SUN CLUB.	MINDS Woodlands Gardens School
22 - 26 May	<b><u>Biodiversity Week for Schools</u></b> Throughout the week, a variety of activities targeting students of different age groups will be carried out including Green Wave, Playtime with Hershie the Hermit Crab, and BioBlitz for Schools. More details at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2r27aWo">http://bit.ly/2r27aWo</a>	Various schools across Singapore

More details about Biodiversity Week can be found on our website:  
<http://www.nparks.gov.sg/biodiversityweek>.