

## Hong Kong Natural History Society

### June 2017 Report on Night Hike

We had a fruitful night hike at Lung Fu Shan last Saturday, 3 June. Just a few minutes into the walk, we encountered a wild boar, even before entering the Lung Fu Shan trail! Afterwards we saw many white fluffs, which turned out to be 'planthopper nymphs', the baby form of planthoppers. We also saw adult planthoppers later which looked like tiny triangular leaves.



Next, we spotted many frogs, including the green cascade frog, which has a vivid green back and inhabits streams, the brown tree frog, and numerous common Asian toads. The toads posed very well for photographs!



Along the sides of the path, we saw many wolf spiders, huntsman spiders, and golden-orb weavers – the females are huge and painted with black and gold, whereas the males are orange and tiny, and unfortunately get eaten after mating. Upon entering another trail with fewer humans, we soon saw two gorgeous bamboo pit vipers. They are vibrant green with a yellow belly, and use heat sensing pits to detect prey and ‘see’.





The finale was the best – we were very lucky to spot a collared scops owl up in the tree on our way down! After exiting the park, we also found an affectionate stick insect which ‘hitchhiked’ onto a member.



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