Youth Stewards for Nature 2022 Project Infographics





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YOUTH STEWARDS FOR NATURE

MONITORING OF BIODIVERSITY ALONG RAIL CORRIDOR



Identification of birds using sight and call - Species count, bird behaviour, flight direction, bird-plant interactions



Insects

Identification of insects using sight Day/Night Surveys, Pitfall Trapping









Methodology

43 species of birds

85

species of insects

24 other species*

species in pitfall traps

SUNGEI KADUT

Bird Species Diversity (H'): 2.2 (Grassland/marsh species)

Bird Flight Headings:

- · Toward Mandai Forest
- Toward Kranji Reservoir

Bird Locations:

In the Canopy (98/143) of

- Falcataria moluccana (85/227)
- Dead trees (67/225)

Activity: Perching (140/152)

Special Observations:

Nesting Collared Kingfisher (Falcataria moluccana)



BT TIMAH

Bird Species Diversity (H')

1.7

(Rainforest species)

Bird Flight Headings:

- Toward BTNR
- Along the Rail Corridor

Bird Locations:

In the Canopy and Understorey (37/38) of Cassia fistula (15/123) Falcataria moluccana (13/123)

Spathodea campanulata (16/123) Activity: Perching and Preening (31/44)

Special Observations:

Territorial Laced Woodpeckers (Falcataria moluccana) Mating Coppersmith Barbets (Ficus religiosa)

Courting Crimson Sunbirds (Syzygium myrtifolium)

CLEMENTI Pitfall Traps: Species Diversity by Transects

Bird Species Diversity (H') 2.1

(Secondary forest species)

Birds Flight Headings:

- · Along the Rail Corridor
- Into Clementi Forest

Bird Locations:

In the Canopy (58/63) of Falcataria moluccana (65/162) Activity: Calling and Singing (48/65)

Special Observations:

BUKIT MERAH

Territorial Red-breasted Parakeets and Coconut Lorikeets (Falcataria moluccana) Nesting Black-naped Orioles, Javan Mynas, Tanimbar Corella (Ficus microcarpa, Falcataria moluccana)



(Bt. Timah) (Clementi) species of birds species of insects 49 other species*

species in pitfall traps

BTTIMAH CLEMENTI

ALEXANDRA 41 36 (Alexandra) (Bt Merah) species of birds

species of insects

28 other species*

species in pitfall traps

ALEXANDRA

Bird Locations

In the Canopy (51/70) of Falcataria moluccana (72/190) Activity: Perching (52/72)

Special Observations:

Territorial Coconut Lorikeets and Rose-ringed Parakeets esting site for Long-tailed Parakeets, Pin-striped Tit-babbler, Dollarbirds, Javan Mynas (Falcataria moluccana, Caryota mitis,

Pitfall Traps: Species Diversity by Transects



Bird Species Diversity (H') (Most diverse)

Bird Flight Headings (Alexendra):

- Toward Alexandra Hospital

BUKIT MERAH

Bird Species Diversity (H'): 1.7 (Urban colonizers)

Bird Locations: In the Canopy (30/30) of Across the Rail Corridor Samanea saman (30/125) Acvitity: Perching(25/30)

Bird Flight Headings: Between Bt Merah and Kent Ridge

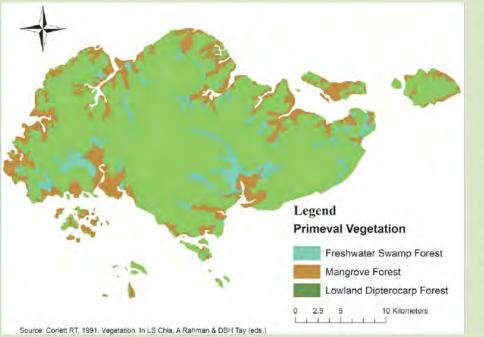
Special Observations Courting Olive-backed Sunbird (Leucaena leucocephala)

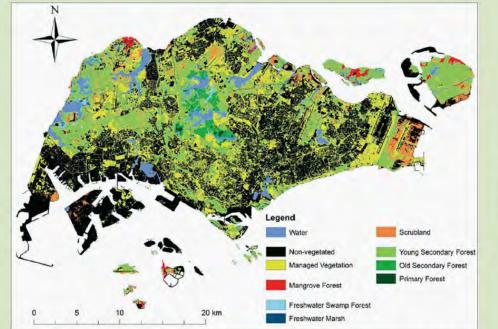
Nesting Yellow-vented Bulbuls (Dead Tree) Nesting Collared Kingfishers (Samanea saman) Territorial Asian Koels and House Crow (Samanea

*Other refers to Amphibians, Arachnids, Crustaceans, Diplopoda, Gastropoda, Mammals, Reptiles

CONSERVING RARE TREE SPECIES BY STUDYING THEIR CULTIVATION REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO DIPTEROCARPACEAE





Primeval Singapore (left) vs. Singapore, 2011 (right). Only about 0.28% of its original dipterocarp forest remains today (Yee et al., 2011)

The Dipterocarpaceae family includes hardwood trees that are commonly found in tropical forests. These trees are important; they provide shelter and food for forest wildlife, and serve as important carbon sinks. However, widespread deforestation and land use change have rendered them critically endangered in the region. As such, effective restoration efforts for them and other important tree families must be established.

AIM OF PROJECT

Supra-annual mast-fruiting observed in dipterocarps makes seeds hard to collect for regular planting. Recalcitrance in dipterocarp seeds renders seed-banking impossible.

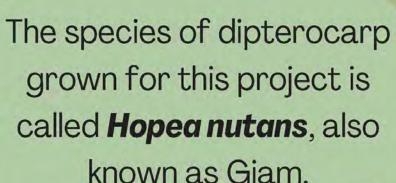
With limited seedlings available seasonally, without in-depth understanding of species growth requirements especially sunlight, trees planted could be underexposed or overexposed leading to death. Underexposure is easily studied as low light intensities induce dormancy first before further decline leads to death. Once low light and the resulting dormancy is established, the exposure can be incrementally explored until optimal sunlight for best growth is determined.

This project aims to determine the light levels that induces bud dormancy. "Bud dormancy" refers to temporary suspension of visible growth and emergence of new leaves in seedlings.

METHODOLOGY

1) SOIL & TRAY PREPERATION

- soil mixing 1. Two parts of sand were mixed with one part of clayey soil to form soil mix.
- 2. Soil was dried and tested with a soil moisture tester to ensure that moisture level was kept below 10%.
- 3. Trays were drilled with regularly-spaced holes and were tested to ensure the holes were sufficient for water to be drained.
- 4. The soil was sieved into the trays and weighed (29kg).
- 5. Water was poured into the filled tray to test water drainage to prevent waterlogging.



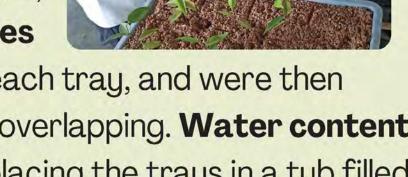




2) SEEDLING TRANSPLANTING

The 60 dormant seedlings used were

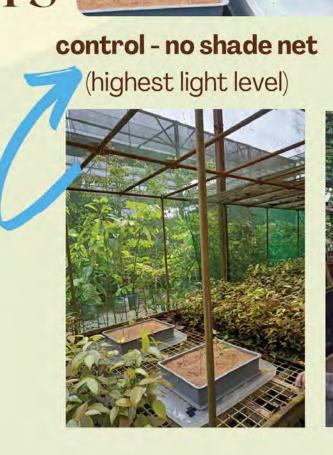
- single leader (only one stem)
- of similar height (8.5 cm 25.0 cm)
- had no emergence of new leaves



6 seedlings were transplanted into each tray, and were then evenly spaced out to minimise leaf overlapping. Water content of the trays were maintained by placing the trays in a tub filled with water of 1 cm depth.

3) SET UP & MEASUREMENTS

After the seedlings have been established in the trays, they will be placed under different light levels. Shade nets were used to create the 3 different light levels. Light level (Trotec BF06 Lux Meter) and PAR (LightScout Light Sensor Reader) were measured at three points under each condition and averaged, daily at 1330h.



sieving soil into trays



measuring trays

	Conditions	Light Le	evel (lx)	PAR (µmol/m2/s)	
>	Conditions	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
	Two shade nets	624	339	15	9
	One shade net	1602	1105	44	32
	Control (no shade net)	4561	2135	133	71

1 layer of shade net

Table 1: Average light intensity from 7 - 11 June 2022.

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

At the time of writing, the seedlings have shown no sign of decline. They are expected to recover and be ready for light manipulation in 2 months time. The seedlings will then be observed for the next 2 years under the designated light condition to see if any growth/decline happens.

A limitation of the project was that the experiment environment was prone to inconsistent light level fluctuations e.g., from cloud cover; more consistent light level may be achieved in controlled lab settings. Another limitation was the limited time availability of the participants in the project due to school and work, slowing preparations for the experiment.

As part of the effort to conserve as many rare tree species, future studies could explore the conditions that can induce dormancy in seedlings of species beyond H. nutans.

YSN Project #3

Research and Design Coral Tanks for Coral Propagation & Outreach

St. John's Island Marine Laboratory (SJIML) conducts coral aquaculture by propagating and growing coral fragments in efforts to repopulate them in the wild. To develop effective aquaculture methods, we tested abiotic and biotic factors on coral growth.



What are corals?

Corals are invertebrates that are made up of numerous polyps. The symbiotic relationship between the polyps and zooxanthallae keep the corals alive.

Why are corals important?

Coral reefs provides breeding habitats and food for marine life, creating a sustainable ecosystem.

Coral reefs also protect our shores from rapid erosion by reducing the energy of the waves that reach the shoreline.

Perception Survey

Most of the visitors at SJIML were 1st timers or infrequent visitors who visited the museum for recreational activities instead of educational purposes. They learnt about our coral recovery programme as well as SJI's marine animals but felt the museum could have had more information, interactive displays and hands-on activities. They also felt that we should have more information on global warming and other climate issues.

Abiotic Factors

Substrate Experiments

A study of the effect of using various materials as substrates to grow corals.



Coral Nubbin Growing
On Dead Coral



Coral Nubbin Growing
On Epoxy

Results: Coral nubbins that were grown on coral skeletons had better colouration throughout the experiment compared to those grown on epoxy

Conclusion: Dead coral skeletons will dissolve in water to provide carbonate and metal ions to the nubbin that grows on it, enhancing it's growth

Blue Light Experiment

A study of the effects of different colours of light on corals.



Blue Light Box Created Using Recycled Materials

Results: Coral nubbins grown under blue light had lower rates of bleaching than those grown under sunlight.

Conclusion: Blue light reduces stress on coral nubbins than sunlight and reduces the risk of bleaching.

Lego Substrate!

A study of using lego platforms to increase the number of nubbins grown per tank

Results: The LEGO columns increased the number of coral nubbins that could be grown in the same sized tank, but there was no significant difference in th health of the corals compared to the control setup.



Lego Platform



Columns of corals growing on LEGO platforms

Biotic Factors

Seagrass Experiment

A study of the effects of sea grass on the growth of coral nubbins



Tank With Tape Seagrass



Control Tank

Seagrasses are known to protect corals in the wild from:

- 1. Ocean Acidification
- 2. Eutrophication
- 3. Settling Sediments
- 4. Diseases



Mangrove Tank

Results: All the coral nubbins experienced growth, however there is no significant difference in the growth rates in the different tanks.

Conclusion: There is no conclusive result from our initial experiment that seagrasses affect the growth of corals.

Maybe more time will give us better results!



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OPERATION NO RELEASE





MEET THE TEAM!

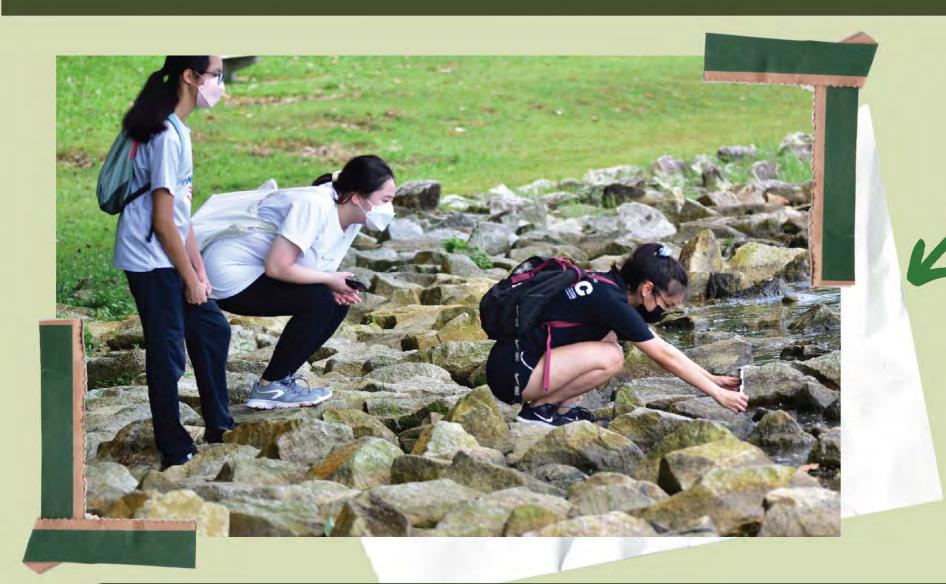
Check out our team
members on our Instagram
page @nparksonr



OUR GOAL?

Our goal is to raise awareness about pet abandonment and the release of non-native species into the wild by the public, and the adverse effects these actions bring about to the animals released and to our native species in the ecosystem.

Site Visits



Our team members visited
Lower Peirce Reservoir, a
notable site for "mercy" release.
Such acts not only impacts the
ecosystem, it is also cruel to the
animals released.

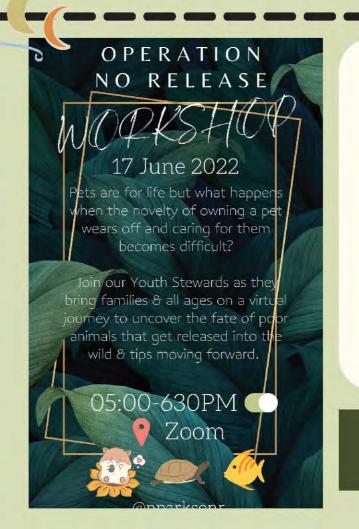
Red-Eared Sliders found in Singapore Quarry, another "mercy" release hotspot. One of Singapore's most notorious invaders, they are neglected by irresponsible pet owners buying them on impulse Always remember to do your research before buying a pet so you can give it a long and happy life!



INSTAGRAM

Our Instagram account, @nparksonr, features the different posts on proper pet care, invasive species as well as more information on mercy release.





In this workshop, we aim to gather people of all ages virtually to learn more about Responsible Pet Ownership and the impacts invasive fauna brings to native biodiversity through games and activities.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

outh SteW974s for Natyr Civet Distribution Study

Objectives

- To understand the ecology of civets and factors affecting civet occurrence in residential areas.
- To design and implement outreach activities to promote human-wildlife coexistence





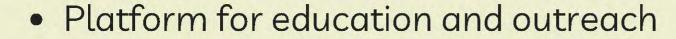
Outreach

Scan to find out more

- Linktree platform that can be scanned via a QR code, which houses:
 - Outreach and educational materials (flickr that has photos of civet scats)
 - Quiz on civets to engage residents
 - Civet sighting form for follow-up by residents
- Brochures that will be distributed to residents during the survey
- Standees that will be installed in areas with high civet population
- Script that surveyors can refer to when interviewing residents

Social Media





- Sharing of our project journey from start to finish, including findings and outcomes
- Sharing of our thoughts and experiences (night walks, surveys, night safari visit etc)

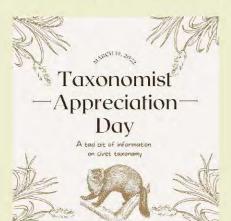




45.3% are 25-34 yrs old and 31.5% are 18-24 yrs old

Instagram followers, of which, Instagram accounts reached, since our first elucivets post, and 17% of them engaged with our content

Most popular posts

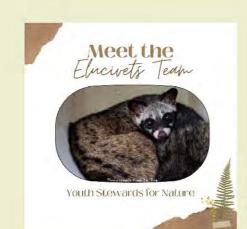








Reach: 295, Impressions: 379



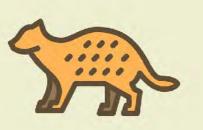
Reach: 280 Impressions: 394

Research Overview

Carried out interviews with residents living in landed housing estates around Singapore

- Conducted on weekends, 1030 to 1900 hrs
- Interview questions include:

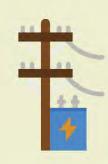




Whether they have encountered civets in their household before and the types of encounter



Whether they have fruit trees present in/around their household



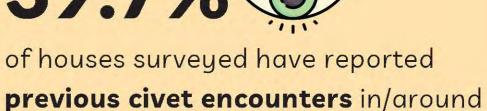
Whether there are resting structures or overhanging cables in/around their household

Research Findings



interviews were conducted between 8 May & 19 June 22

had fruit trees present. Banana, mango and papaya were the most common trees 39.7%

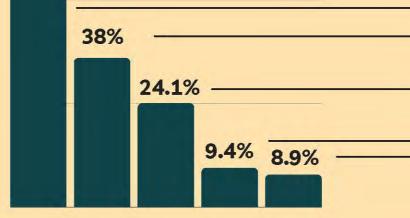


their household



had resting structures present.. Common structures include awnings, open balcony and false ceilings

75.9% Description of previous civet encounters from residents



Presence of scat Heard noises by civets

Video

Introduction to The Common Palm Civet

- Basic ecology of The Common Palm Civet
 - Footages of civets in the wild/urban areas
- History of civet species in Singapore

Footages of civet specimens, interview with Wei Ting Rescue & Rehab

• Footages: Release of civets into the wild/outdoor enclosure, interview with Dr Charlene





Youth Stewards For Nature:

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE HUMAN-PIGEON ENCOUNTERS IN CHAI CHEE

Project objectives:

- Understand the different perceptions that residents in Chai Chee have about pigeons and feeding of pigeons
- Develop targeted education and outreach initiatives to promote responsible human-wildlife encounters
- Work with grassroots and the community to mitigate pigeon-related dis-amenities in Chai Chee
- To promote responsible human-wildlife interaction
 - Raise awareness about pigeons and pigeon feeding



FIRST SITE RECCE



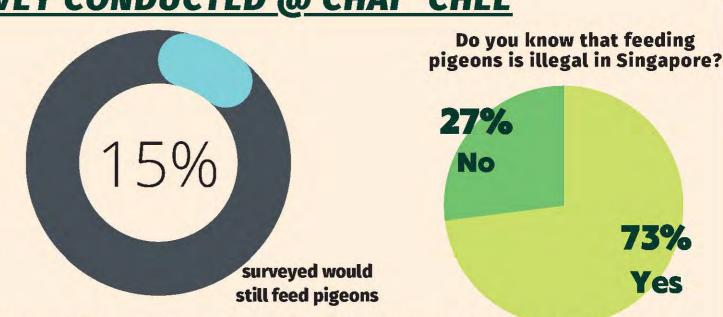




To understand the issue surrounding pigeon feeding and the ground situation better, our team visited Chai Chee estate in Mid-February.

Carried out surveys during mid-March at the Chai Chee estate

SURVEY CONDUCTED @ CHAI CHEE



73% of residents know that feeding pigeons is illegal, and are aware that pigeon feeding increases their population and harms the pigeons, but 15% would still choose to feed the pigeons.

Top 3 activities suggested by

residents

- 1. Nature Walk
- 2. Education Posters
- 3. Educational Talks

<u>Liaising with Grassroots Leaders to conceptualise and execute outreach and education activities</u>





Approach

- To disseminate google form link

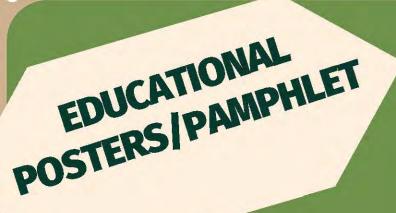
- To conduct in-person survey onsite to reach out to the eldery

- Possible locations include:

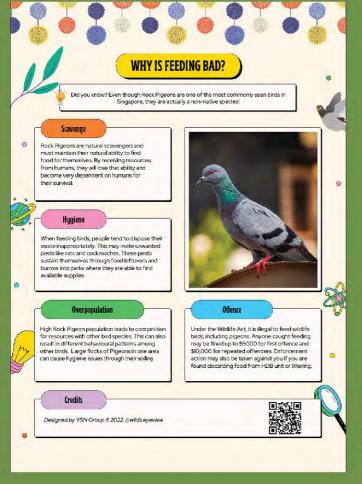
- Void deck
- Songbird community corner
- Community garden
- Seniors Activity Centre

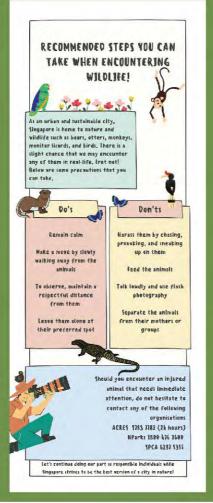


We met with the Chai Chee RC in March to share our survey results and proposal. We will be meeting RC again to discuss future collaboration plans for July i.e. compost demo session and nature walk











FESTIVAL OF BIODIVERSITY 2022



- We joined NParks' Wildlife Management team at the Singapore Botanic Gardens to reach out to the public
- We shared our educational materials such as pamphlets and posters focusing on the introduction to pigeons, refraining from pigeon-feeding, and a list of do's and don'ts when encountering wildlife

EASY DIY COMPOST BIN





8 simple steps on how to make your own DIY Compost bin

COMPOSTING DEMO& GUIDED NATURE WALK







- We have liaised with Chai Chee RC to organise and host a composting demo and guided nature walk together in July.
- We will also be working very closely with Chai Chee RC to share resources.



@wilds.eyeview





- Through research and guidance from our mentors, we created instagram posts on topics such as human-wildlife conflict and pigeons to raise awareness on how we can have responsible encounters with pigeons.
- This includes posts such as the anatomy of pigeons, sharing on the origin and distribution of rock pigeons, and interactive post on common misconceptions of human-wildlife and human-pigeon conflicts



Youth Stewards for Nature ———— Community in Bloom

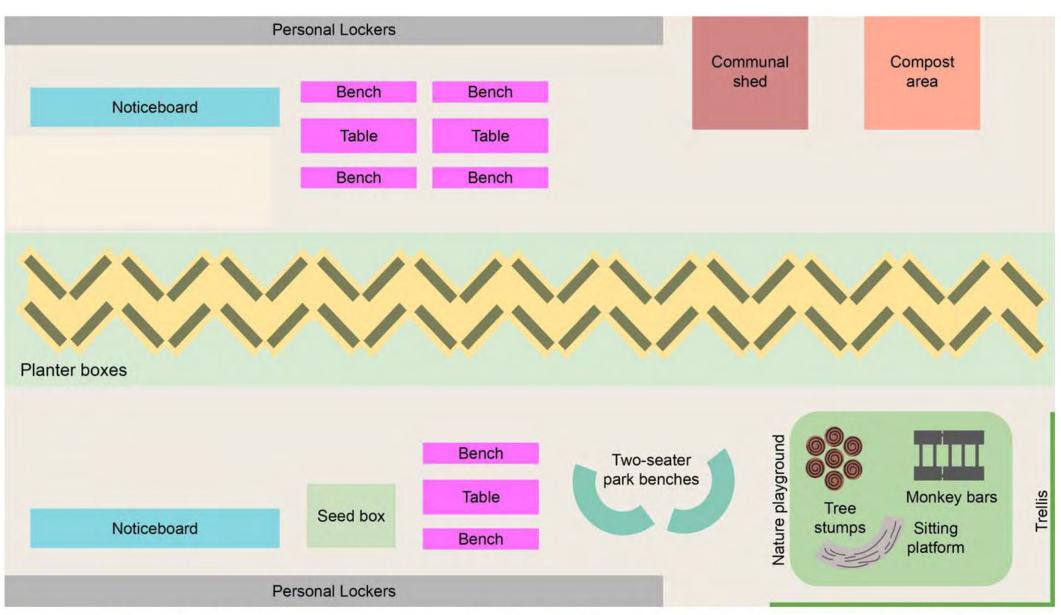
Design & Implementation of Community/ Allotment Gardens





AYU • RONNIE • DANA • MARCUS • RACHEL • JESS • SZE MIN • JENEVIEVE • JIE YING • XI NING

Design Layout for Rooftop Allotment Garden





We crafted and proposed a design for a rooftop allotment garden. Our aim was to create a welcoming and conducive gardening environment, accessible to all residents.

Our design includes:

- Resting & storing areas
- Nature playground
- Educational noticeboard
- Communal seedbox
- Composting bin



Seeding @ PPN

- Seed propagation workshop at Pasir Panjang Nursery
- Learnt about different soil types suitable for growing edibles and how to perform seedling of plants
- Seedlings were used in the allotment gardening session at Boon Lay Meadow Grove RN for 15 allotment gardeners





Garden Preparation

- Measured and assembled
 PVC pipes to outline each individual garden plot
- Created an educational video (DIY allotment garden plot demarcation using PVC piping) which was shared to the residents

Gardening Workshop with the Community

For our final event, we will be assisting in the launch of Boon Lay Meadow-Grove RN communal plots, as well as participate in an interactive session with the allotment gardeners.

We're delighted to have followed the residents thus far on their journery as allotment gardeners.



YOUTH STEWARDS FOR NATURE

Public Engagement at Coastal & Mangrove Arboretum



MANGROVES

Pulau Ubin has the greatest mangrove forested area in Singapore, and is home to many endangered species! They also act as a naturebased solution (NbS) against erosions & coastal mitigating effects of climate change.

OBJECTIVES

To develop creative ways to engage the public on:

- the diverse biodiversity of Ubin's coastal & mangrove plants
- the role that these habitats play as a nature-based solution (NbS) at the Ubin Living Lab (ULL) coastal & mangrove arboretum.



The team gathered for meetings to brainstorm on how we could bring mangroves. facts on Ubin's mangrove and coastal plants were conducted and decided to create an engagement

FIELD TRIPS TO UBIN

Multiple field trips conducted to recce for suitable station locations for engagment trail. Mangrove & coastal plant species were documented through videos and photographs. A Google My Maps was also created to track locations and interesting facts about mangroves and coastal trees.





Finally, mangrove engagement trail is born! The trail consists of a virtual and narrated guided tour to the coastal & mangrove trees along the north of Ubin. They are all housed under a website which visitors can access via the QR codes found at the physical stations in Pulau Ubin.



Youth Stewards for Nature OneMillionTrees Movement (OMT)

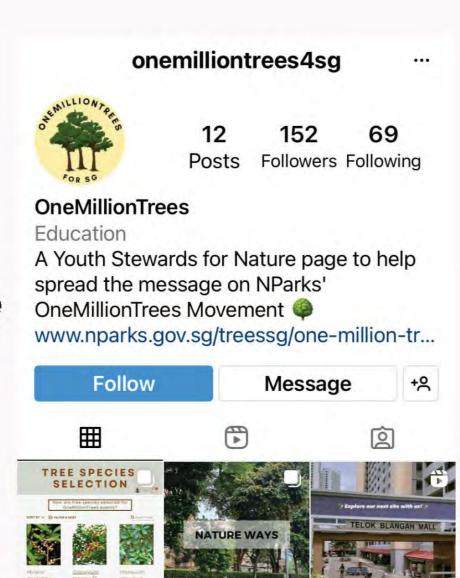


AIM OF THE PROJECT

To spread awareness about the OneMillionTrees Movement by NParks

SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLICITY O

- Created Instagram Page OneMillionTrees4SG
 - To Promote OMT
 - To Engage Community
 - To Educate
 - Target Audience:
 Young Families, First Time Tree Planters



TREE PLANTING EVENTS

- Attended 4 tree planting events
 - Planted our own trees as a group
 - Co-organized 2 tree planting events
 - Made posters for 3 tree planting events
 - Facilitated 4 tree planting events







- Shortlisted native species for OMT to create a multi-tiered facade
- What we learnt & shared with the public:
 - Planting palettes consider various factors – site history, planting space, existing datum trees, foliage colours, tree sizes to complement a tiered structure
 - Different species help enhance local biodiversity by attracting native fauna too!

REFLECTIONS 152 Followers

- Proud of building a following in just 3 months
- Greatly enjoyed connecting with the community living in the area; created memories for many first-time planters
- Main takeaway: A lot of work goes behind planning for tree planting events, but it always pays off when eager participants come to plant trees!





Innovation in Waste Management at Pulau Ubin



The ubin Project

"ubin to remain as a familiar and rustic getaway,
where we can reminisce the past and celebrate the present,
where our children can learn about and enjoy thriving biodiversity,
where we can come together to enhance its idyllic charm
through sustainable means
and practices for future generations of Singapore."

5 Key Thrusts

Biodiversity Conservation

Education & Research Community, Heritage & History

Nature-based Recreation Sustainable Design & Practices

waste in ubin

Rubbish that is collected throughout the island were shipped out of ubin to mainland for

disposal. Multiple trips were needed during high season.

Plan and Initiatives

We established proposals to up-cycle and recycle the rubbish

Working with villagers

-Provide bins for sorting trash their daily trash -Engage Volunteers to aid villagers who need help in sorting the trash









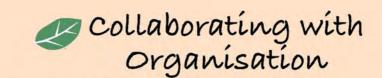
Composting, up-cycling and recycling

-Composting organic waste, can distribute compost to villagers for their own plants.

-Look into companies
that can reduce
plastic through pyrolysis,
which can provide
diesel to use for the
villager's generator



-Setup up-cycling workshop to transform plastics into useful items -Husk from coconuts
can be used as
planting medium
and
burning fuel
for campsites



Approach organisations that can help raise awareness and methods of up-cycle and recycling certain waste



*Meeting with "The Plastic Project"



Business owners with larger scale operation produces roughly about 2-4 bags per week

Interview with villagers



Co-facilitating Therapeutic Horticulture & Therapeutic Garden Programmes in 👉 **Community Organisations**

Project Brief

Our Outreach



To facilitate the outreach of Therapeutic Horticulture (TH) and Therapeutic Garden (TG) programmes to community organizations across Singapore



Improve physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the community

Our Team

A Team from Diverse Backgrounds, with a Common Interest in Therapeutic Gardens and Therapeutic Horticulture



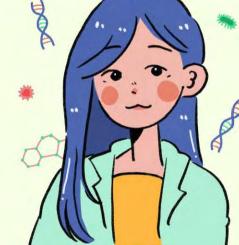
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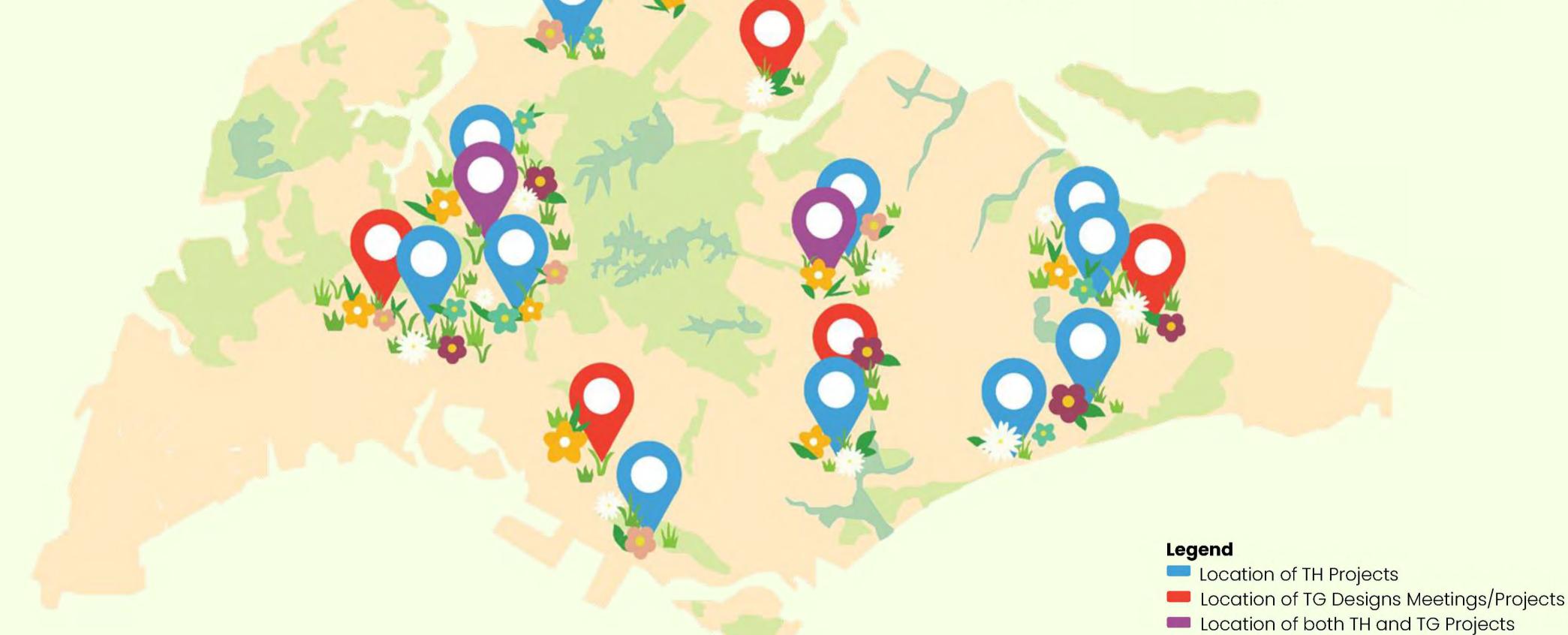




Gayathiri

Michelle

Joshua



Therapeutic Horticulture Workshops



Facilitated the training of staff in external organizations to conduct TH activities for their beneficiaries



Did you know?

Making use of secateurs or spray bottles during the TH activity can help seniors improve fine motor skills



Tampines Care Home, 25 April 2022



CREATING PARKS & EVENTS For Nature For THE FUTURE! Youth Stewards For Nature

We were tasked to redesign Pearl's Hill City Park (PHCP), so that

- (i) it has a distinct identity,
- (ii) it is adaptable to changing needs, while (iii)creating a strong ownership for park users.

xplore! Features of PHCP

- -A 8.5 Ha green space -In the midst of the city
- -In a historically-rich district
 -A future hillside enclave
- ✓ Surveys/Interviews
- ✓ Preliminary Research ✓ 2 Site Recces
 - +examine infrastructure +determine usership
 - +adjacent accessibility points
 - +key landmarks



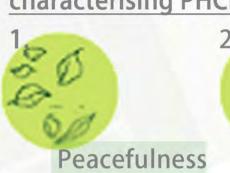
mpathise!

To analyze the data collected, we adopted the Think-Place Design SystemTM from a two-day 'Introduc-tion to Design Thinking' workshop organized by NParks.

e.g. Affinity Mapping, Persona Creation



Notably, our findings shed light into three aspects characterising PHCP's unique identity:





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Pearl's Hill Reservoir

Pearl Bank

Apartments



Hilly terrain

B

nvision!

generated.

Pain Points

Pearl's Hill City Park

For the elderly, the hilly nature of PHCPposes a challenge for them.

No signages or info boards to educate oneself about the park.

Destress and appre- Unable to locate seating areas.

HIKER HARRY

To regularly exer-

cise, to maintain health and fitness.

EXPLORER EMMA

er new places.

ciate nature.

NATURE NATALIA

Stumble across parks

and come to discov-

We identified 3 gaps to be filled from above:
-To improve visibility and accessibility
-To improve users' interaction with the park's environment.

From observations to surveys, we spoke to many park users to better understand their views. From all

the interviewees, three park user profiles have been

-To integrate and link PHCP with nearby green areas and heritage sites

I get a sense of accomplishment when I make my way to the summit since I get to test my limits. I feel like traveling back in time and immersing myself in Singapore's history as I soak in the surrounding historic architecture.

I enjoy a break from the bustling city and feel comfortable in my own skin, I experience my own quiet peace strength, and sense the inner self that is the true me.

I feel connected with this earth and I am part of the community of nature. Nature is filled with so much beauty, life & wisdom that it's only natural to feel uplifted in the presence of big trees & singing birds.

> People's Park Food Centre Blk 32

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6. Aquatic Pond

Birdwatching Spots

8. Flora Clusters

Dong Shian

Porridge House

200m

Lookout for dragonflies, damselflies, fishes and other aquatic plants

+ Entrance *II Restroom

& Directory Map Car Park

9. Hard Court Engage in meaningful self rejuvenating activities such as meditation, yoga and taichi!

10. Shelter



11. Fitness Corner



To address the gaps above, we created an exploratory proto-type of officialising four different themed trails in PHCP. We then conducted another intercept survey on a sample of PHCP users to assess their receptivity towards the idea.

+ 4 NEW TRAILS FOR YOUR EXPLORATION!



=FITNESS TRAIL

1.0 KM

Come together with yourfriends and family! Enjoy the fun of conquering and challengiing the fitness and adventurous goals.



The trail passes through aesthetic garden landscape and luscious trees that satisfy your senses of sight ,sounds of leaves rustling as well as birds chirping. Trail includes several stop points great for meditation sessions and other indfulness activities.



=HISTORY TRAIL

=NATURE

Take a camera and appreciate the

nature along the gentle pathway

to get closely connected with the

biodiversity! You will pass a trove

of trees, shrubs and ferns where several resident birds can be

commonly seen perching on.

0.7 KM

RAIL

Experience for yourself the untold stories behind the neighbourhoods and parks of Singapore where we live, work and play.

+ ROLL OUT STAGES

1. Post 4 Trails on Nparks website. 2. Guided walks.

3. Erect signages & info boards with OR codes.

5. Squirrel Spotting

2. Butterfly Spotting

3. Stone Bridge 4. Colourful Path

LEGEND

Amenities

Attractions

1. Heritage Tree

Conclusion The park can be redesigned through officialising four trails that allows it to be: (i) more visible and accessible, (ii) enable park users to feel immersed and rejuvenated in nature, and (iii) be well-integrated / inter-connected with nearby green areas and heritage sites

A weeping bottle brush

tree now as a photo spot

By making PHCP a 'city park of trails' and encouraging park users to explore when they visit, this will hopefully bring people back to PHCP and instil some ownership in park users.

YSN 2022: PAWER TRAINERS

Project objectives

To teach primary school children the importance of dog training, through a board game and presentation





In Progress/Add Ons

- 1. Creating an instagram page to keep the primary school children engaged even after the session!
- 2. Expanding beyond primary school to also reach out to secondary school students

course @
Online Dog
Training Theory

lessons

@Animal and Plant
Health Centre

online brainstorming meeting Second brainstorming meeting for the creation of pawer trainers

Prototype creation, testing and improvements made to pawer trainers

Project initiative: Board game Pawer Trainers!

Our board game layout

First Meet-up @

AVS Centre



example of power up card that players can draw





Board Game Instruction sheet



Crafting of prototypes and figurines needed for the game





Challenges faced:

 Creating a game simple enough for primary schoolers to understand but comprehensive enough to reach our objectives





Creating a comprehensive set of slides for an assembly talk for the primary school children





Project initiative: Assembly sharing



Challenges faced:

 Deciding content to be included in the sharing to ensure they are engaging enough to appeal to primary schoolers

Key takeaways

Through this programme, we have learnt that

- Raising awareness in proper dog training is crucial for saving many pet's lives and keeping pet's happy
- Games can be useful in engaging and educating young target audiences



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY REGIONAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 2022





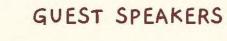
KEY STATS!

- 5 Youth Volunteers
- 22 Expert Speakers
- · 40+ Facilitators
- 200+ Participants
- 13 Nationalities
- 80+ Affiliations from environmental groups, government organizations & academic institutions

OPENING SEGMENT GUEST SPEAKERS Dr Theresa Mr Desmond Lee Mundita S. Lim Dr Madhu Rao Ms Ivonne Higuero OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

World Wildlife Day is both a celebration and a call to action. Wildlife and nature are extremely important to humans. Key species provide important ecosystem services to people and are an important part of our culture and identity. However, they are under steep declines and serious threats. Biodiversity loss is caused by unsustainable exploitation, habitat and ecosystem destruction. Nature can still be conserved, restored, and used sustainably if we take urgent and coordinated actions.

TRACK 2: SPECIES RECOVERY





Ms Nerissa Chao



Mr Vorsak Bou



Dr Kalyar Platt



Mr Low Bing Wen



Dr Wong Siew Te



Dr Andie Ang

OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

The conservation of species requires collaboration, community and creativity. It requires the support of the people and we must consider the needs of the communities that are concerned. Soft skills are crucial in engaging and communicating with various stakeholders. Nonetheless, everyone can be involved in conservation regardless of background given the broad skillsets needed in this field. Sometimes, the best solutions may be the simplest.

TRACK 1: WILDLIFE TRADE





Dr Giovanni

Broussard

Prof. Gopalasamy Reuben Clements



Krishnasamy



Ms Sallie Yang



Dr Adrian Loo



Dr Klairoong Poonpon

OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

Illegal wildlife trade is a fast-moving and complicated issue to tackle. The rise of the age of internet has also exacerbated the challenges in combating this issue. The fight against illegal wildlife trade requires multinational collaboration across different sectors - governments, NGOs, private organisations and the general public. Additionally, multifaceted strategies should be employed, such as having powerful legislation and boots on ground to enforce these laws.

TRACK 3: ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr Karenne Tun



Dr Frida Sidik



Dr Stephen Elliott



Dr Rahayu Sukri



Mr Muhammad

Ridwan



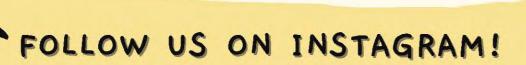


Dr Simplicia A. Pasicolan

Restoring entire ecosystems is a difficult and surmounting task. This can be done by leveraging the wider community to be involved. Citizen science is a great way of being able to collect more information and data. We need to work with communities and build on their existing intimate knowledge of the surrounding and make use of novel technologies that can provide insights and allow for better monitoring. Most importantly, we must be adaptable in today's volatile climate.

OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

ILLUSTRATED BY: Earth LED Dorcos







JOIN THE 2023 WWD TEAM!







YSN Project 18: Study and Curate a DIY Nature Guided Trail in Civic District

Scan me to try out the digital trail!

Project member: Teng Zhenyi Project Mentor: Bai Sin Yeou

1. Project Background and Objective:

The aim of the project is to create an interactive DIY nature guide for members of the public to explore the various parks and park connectors independently through an interactive digital platform. Currently, the nature trails developed by NParks are offered to the public through volunteer-led guided walks and PDF e-guides.

The COVID-19 pandemic has halted many of the physical tours and programmes in 2020 and 2021, limiting NParks ability to engage nature lovers. Through this project, we hope to harness the power of digital tools and provide an alternative digital nature trail guide that users can embark on a curated Do-It-Yourself (DIY) nature walk. Such digital tools will prepare us for to adopt a hybrid-style outreach programme which has gained popularity after the pandemic. Nature lovers will have a greater freedom and choice to decide how they wish to experience the nature trail, whether physically or virtually in the comfort of their home.

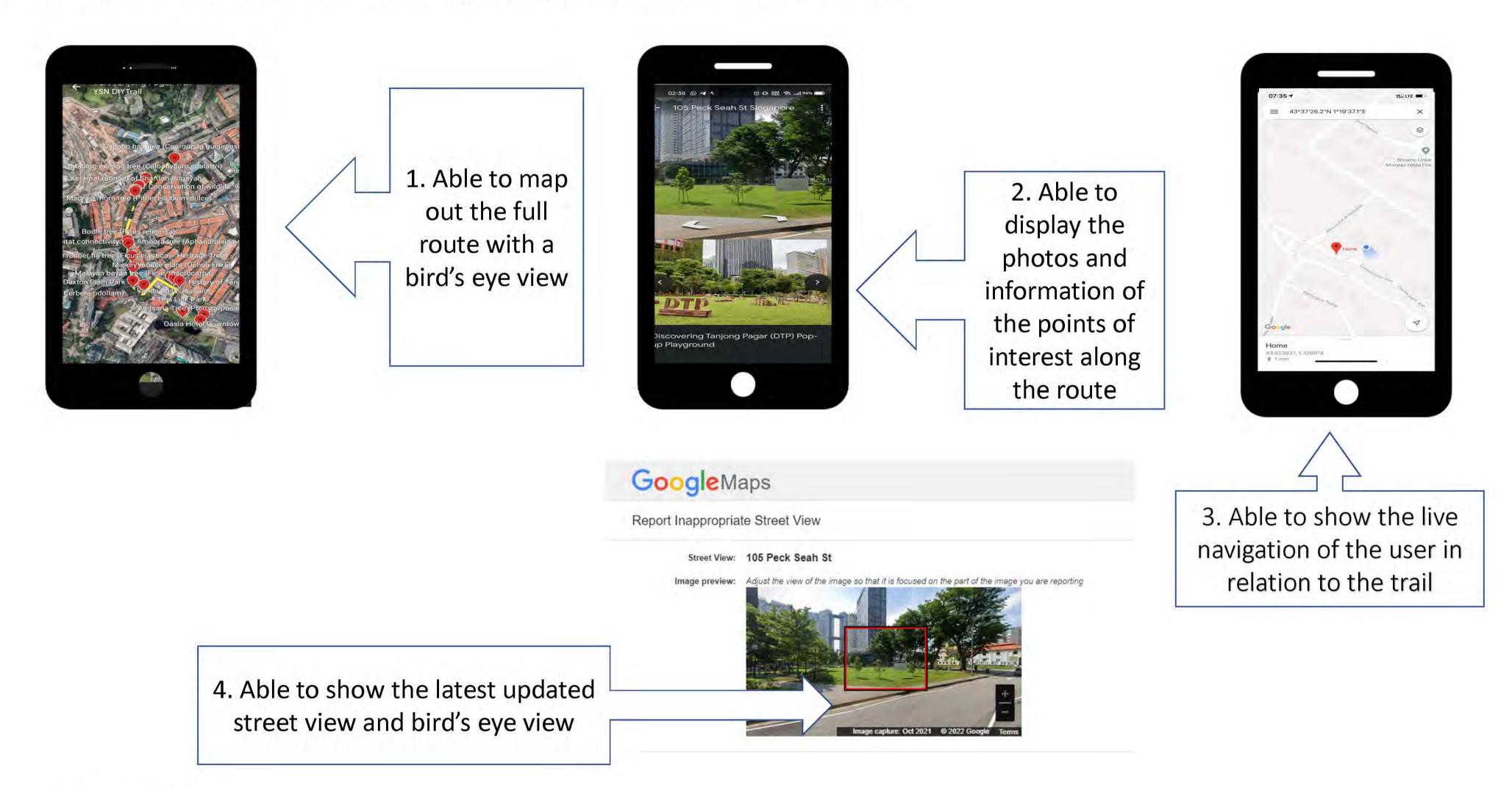
2. Digital tools available for virtual tours:

We explored 3 different digital tools that have the potential for hosting virtual tours. The first is Google Earth, a platform provided by Google that helps users to navigate and map out a walking route. The second is YouTube 360-degree Video, a video hosting platform where users can upload interactive 360-degree videos. The third tool is Story Sphere, a digital tool that allows editors to upload 360-degree street view images and audio recordings.

Google Earth	YouTube 360 degree Video	Story Sphere		
	Can be used for virtual tours			
Street-View provided by Google	Have to use a 360 degree camera to capture the street-view			
nteractive points of interests with image and texts display	Points of interest can only be viewed in video.	Interactive points of interest only with sounds.		
Live navigation is possible	No live navigation			

3. Using Google Earth for Tanjong Pagar Nature Trail:

In this project, a new neighbourhood trail called Tanjong Pagar Nature Trail was developed by NParks Parks Central South and an NParks volunteer. The trail highlights the rich biodiversity within the neighbourhood parks of Tanjong Pagar. Along the trail, we highlighted some of the plants and trees that have played an important role in shaping the neighbourhood of Tanjong Pagar that we see today. To test out our proposed hybrid-style outreach programme for nature trails, we decided to digitalise this Tanjong Pagar Nature Trail. We reced the route and identified various points of interest that has cultural, historical and biological significance. Google Earth was our main choice of digital tool due to its myriad of functions and editable features:



"How to use" manual detail:

A "How to use" manual was created to help participants learn how to use the Google Earth and explain the different functions and features on the app. It was created as most users would be unfamiliar with Google Earth and would benefit from having an easy to read manual to navigate the app.

4. Test Trial and Feedback

We invited 10 participants to try out our digital trail as part of the test trial to gather feedback on the experience of using a digital trail guide. The participants were from a good mix of different age groups, from 16 to above 75 years old. This allowed us to analyse how the different age groups respond to the digital guide. The participants tested the trail virtually using their mobile phone and laptops.

From the survey results, 60% of the participants were satisfied with the duration of the trail (45 mins -1 hour) and 70% found the overall experience of using a digital trail to be pleasant and easy to use.

Some of the participants provided suggestions on improving the digital trail guide:

- Include more animal-related points of interest
- Provide an offline version of the guide for participants without internet access
- Provide a high resolution photos of the points of interest

With their suggestions, we have implemented changes to the trail guide to improve the overall user experience:

- Research on the types of animals frequently found along the route
- Take our own photos of the points of interest
- Develop a PDF version of the guide for offline participation.

5. Potential Synergy with NEAR APP:

NParks Explore A Route(NEAR) APP is a mobile app developed by NParks to help users to navigate the parks and park connector network (PCNs) around Singapore.

Both Google Earth and NEAR app allow users to follow and navigate a drawn route on the map. However, the NEAR app is limited in its ability to allow users to experience the nature trail digitally and learn about biodiversity that can be found along the different trails and park connectors.

NEAR app has the potential to leverage on the functions of Google Earth such as the live location navigation, providing a 360-degree street view and plotting of points of interest along a marked trail or park connector. These functions will improve the overall user experience in our trails and park connectors.

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6. Conclusion:

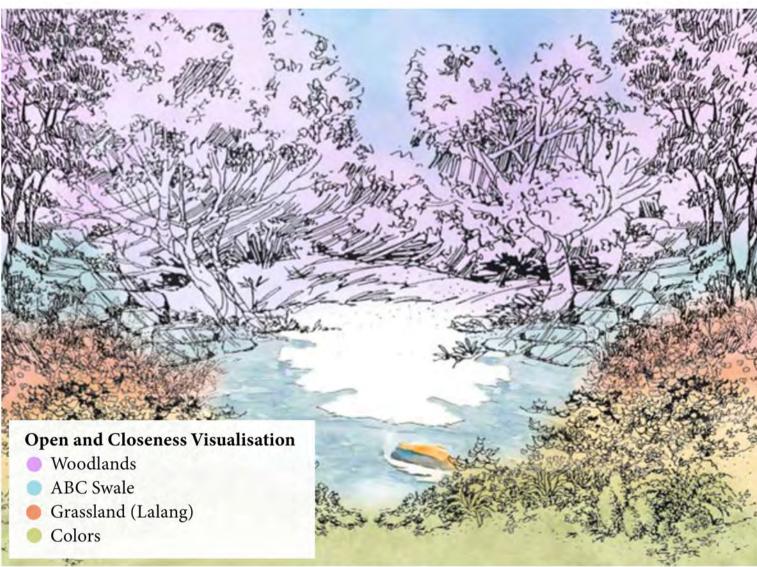
In conclusion, our project found Google Earth to be a useful digital tool to digitalise our nature trails and offer the public an alternative way to experience nature trails. The test trial of digitalising the Tanjong Pagar was successful and received good feedback from the participants. There is potential for the NParks' NEAR app to adopt such features so as to enhance the users' experience of using the app to navigate our parks and park connectors.

Youth Stewards for Nature Clementi Nature Trail

An Ecological and Experiential Trail

Overview

Rich with historical and biodiversity values, the establishment of the Clementi Nature trail would form a crucial node that links Rail Corridor and Coast-to-Coast trail to the Ulu Pandan park connector which would be integrated as a part of the Round Island Route in the near future years. The experiential and educational nature trail would also dual function as a connecting route which helps to circulate users from Clementi to other parks in the region, completing the user friendly network for cyclist and recreation enthusiasts.







Bukit Timah Nature Reserve Jurong Lake Gardens Site Visit

Site Analysis Understanding the Site Conditions

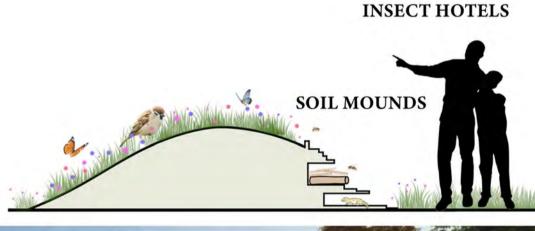
Site (Existing Challenges and Constraints)
The site is located at Bukit Timah, Ulu Pandan Road near Clementi and Dover Forest. Currently, the site offers a lack of shelter and shade but offers promising biodiversity due to existing water bodies and its close distance from forested areas. This enhanced connection will accommodate users such as joggers, cyclists and hikers due to it being part of a park connector.

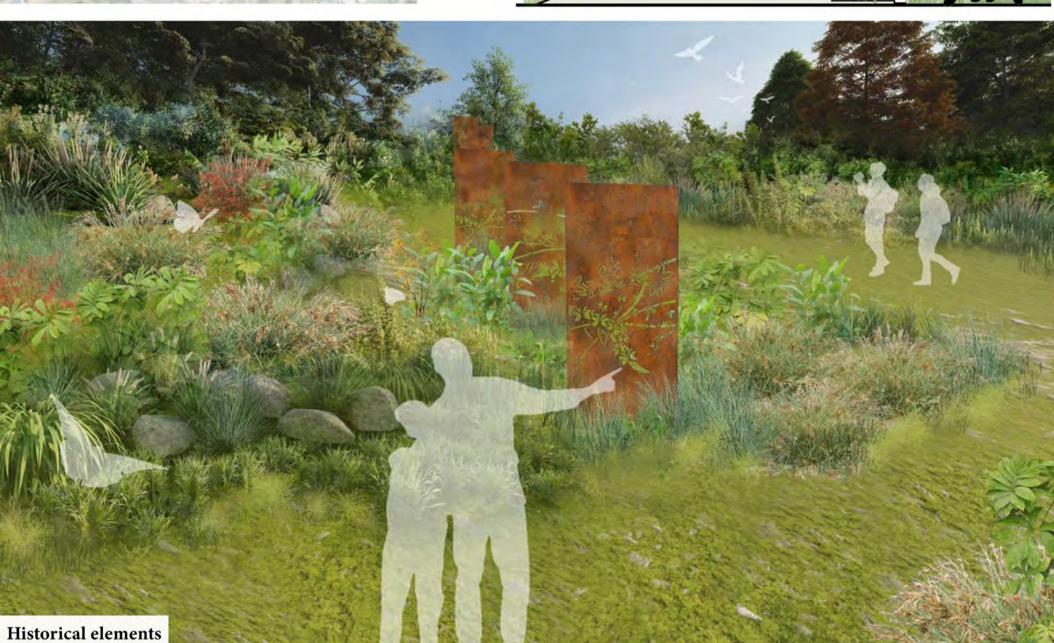




Strategies and Proposed Designs Soil mounds, leaf litter, log piles, bird houses, and insect hotels are suggested for the site, providing a variety of options for biodiversity to thrive and nest within the site. The node would also be a space where users can appreciate the historical elements to remind people about the history of the military barracks.







Implementation

New Stream

Planting placement and rock arrangement was done on day of implementation. Rock arrangement assists in slowing down water flow while creating pockets of safe spaces for dragonflies and damsel flies nymphs to grow. Vegetation was then selected and placed based on their characteristics to soften the hard edges while providing perching opportunities for the many dragonflies on site.













YSN 2022

Designing a Nature Way

Joshua · Nasry · Leia · Travis · Jessica · Sze Koy

What are Nature Ways?

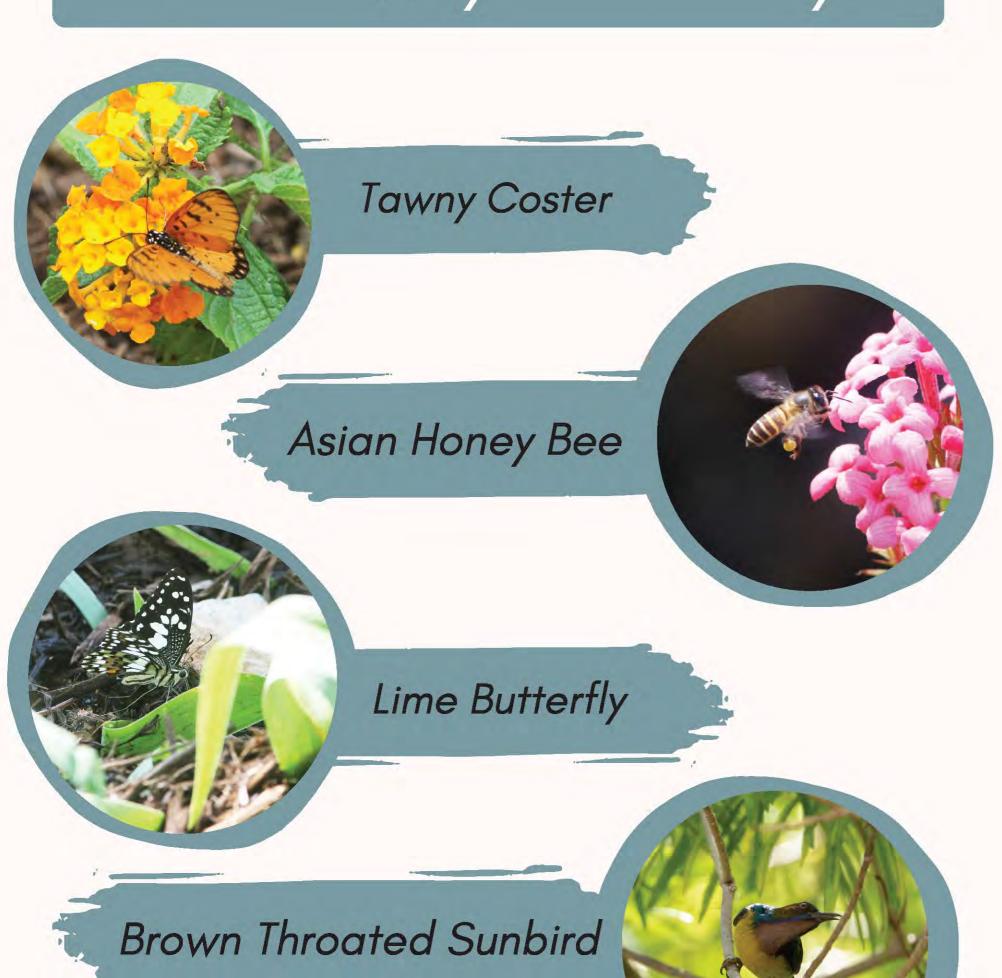
Nature ways are corridors of native flora planted along roads in our urban spaces to connect our green spaces.

Designed to mimic forests, they host fauna like birds and butterflies and allow them to move between these green spaces.



Our newly planted Nature Way along Simei Ave

Nature Way Biodiversity



What did we do?

We designed and implemented a Nature Way along Simei Ave, Streets 1 and 3 to connect existing Nature Ways along Upper Changi Rd with Simei Park.

To engage and educate the community about Nature Ways, we also held a tree planting event in conjunction with NPark's OneMillionTrees (OMT) movement.

Timeline

Survey of existing nature ways



Pre-planting site recce

Plant selection



OMT tree planting

Post-planting site survey



Special thanks to:

Jason · Esther · Yong Kwang · Damien · Jasmine · Ronnie from the NParks team!



WEST COAST PARK



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT



Background

As part of the ongoing rewilding efforts, the 1 hectare pond at West Coast Park Area 1 has been naturalized. This includes the creation of a floating island habitat within the pond and landscaping of the surrounding vegetation with the aim of enhancing biodiversity around the area.

Building our platform









An outer frame made from PVC pipes keeps the platform buoyant.

Platform design

Erosion control blanket

Holds cocopeat down to reduce dispersion and erosion

Cocopeat

Serves as a porous, lightweight medium for plants to grow on

Drainage cells

Allows water movement between layers to prevent stagnant water from forming

Plastic mesh

Serves as a supporting structure which holds the other layers above







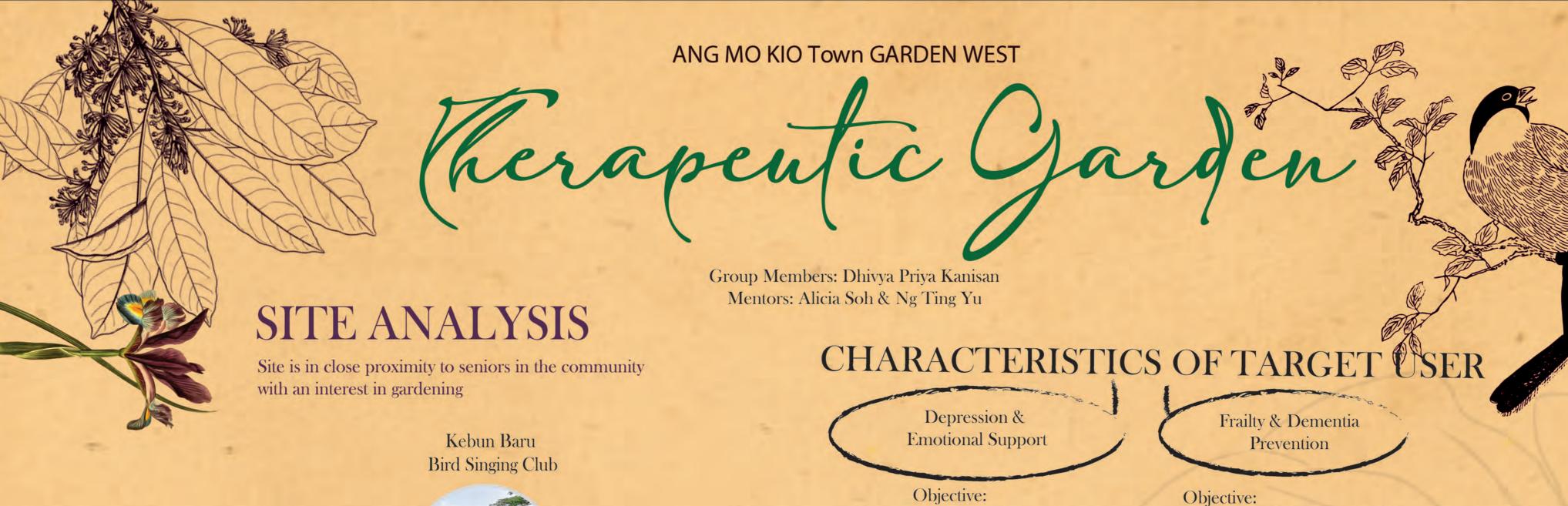




Yellow-vented Bulbul



Chocolate Pansy



50 m

Kebun Baru

Birdsinging

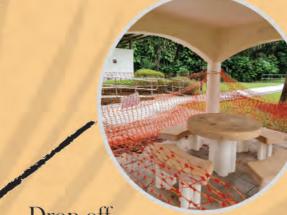
3G Fitness Corner (FC)



Pavilion (S)

- Opportunities for

Social Interaction



Drop-off Point (D)



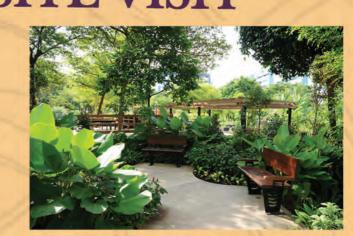
concept and theory - Opportunities for Physical Activity and Mental Stimulation

CASE STUDY SITE VISIT



TELOK BLANGAH HILL PARK

- 1) Bench orientation is essential to create a comfortable and enriching visitor experience
- 2) Design concept should consider broader context of surrounding features
- 3) Inclusive design is key to create safe spaces for seniors



HORT PARK

- 1) Colours and texture make for a more enriching experience
- 2) Musical instruments add an interactive element
- 3) Secluded benches and tall shrubs provide privacy and relief

Theory)

(Stress Reduction

Theory)

Theory Application (Mental Strength Theory)



Design Concept: Kampong + Birds

Allotment

Garden

Community

Garden

Allotment

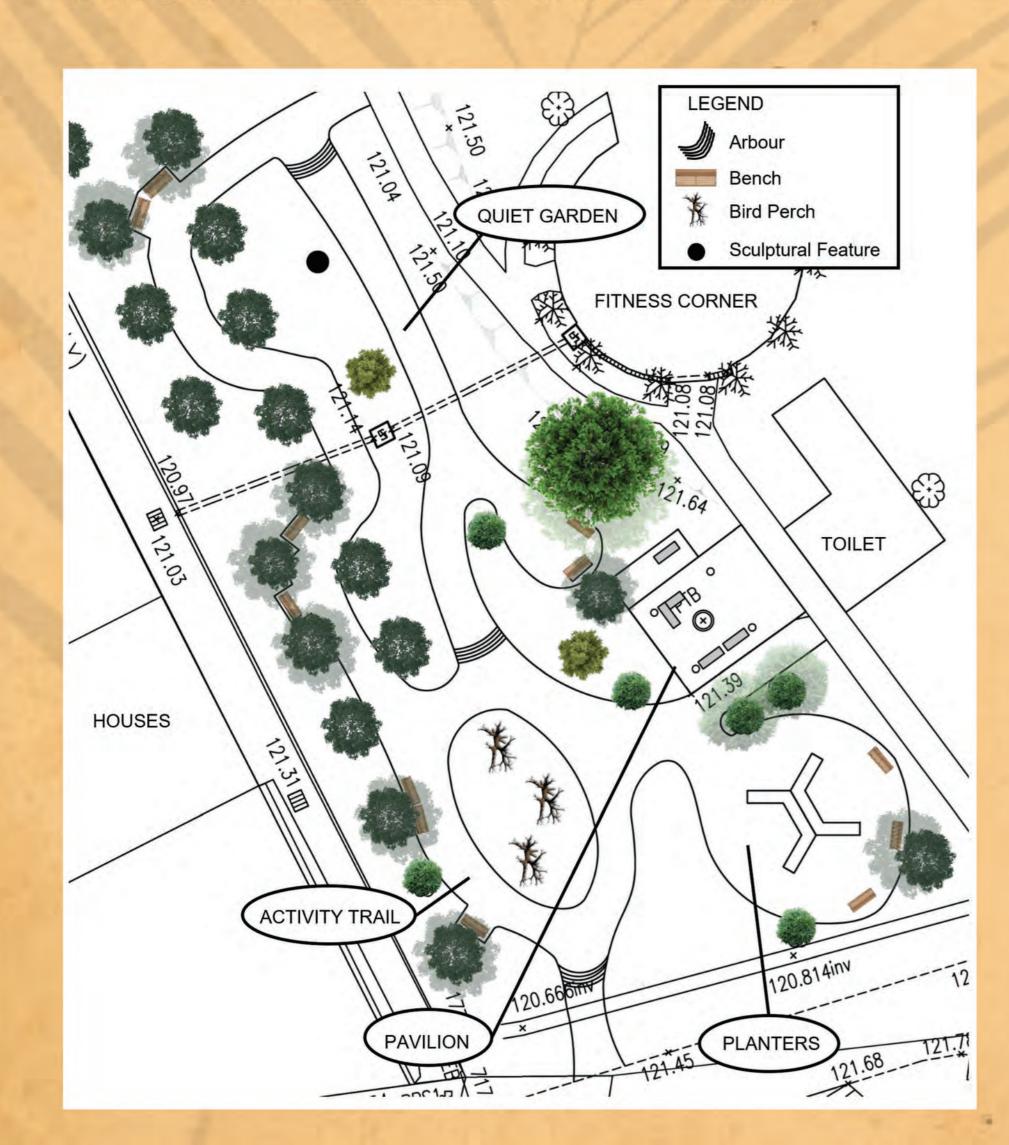
Garden

(U/C)

Both design concepts were selected to evoke nostalgia, preserve local cultural heritage and create opportunities for interaction between the older and younger generation.

The latter concept is also a nod to the nearby Kebun Bahru Birdsinging Club, a cultural icon many residents hold close to their hearts.

PROPOSED LAYOUT PLAN









JACOB BALLAS CHILDREN'S GARDEN INTERPRETIVES Shelter

Objectives

- Design signs in 5 shelters
- Identify suitable huts for each theme
- Gather photographs for signs
- Engage visitors to create Nature Art

Site familiarisation



- Site visits
- On site measurements
- Observation of flora and fauna

hemes NATURE PLAY TOUCH & SMELL POND LIFE FLOWERS POETRY

Designing





Graphic design

Proposals for location, size and positioning of signs

Research and writing

Do you see what I see? There on the garden floor. Leaves, twigs, flowers, fruits All that you need and more!

Use these things to make some art Then snap a picture, come on let's start!

Please only pick what's on the ground, And return the materials that you found.

An old silent pond A frog jumps into the pond -Splash! Silence again. - Matsuo Basho

Butterflies flit, flutter and fly, Their wings so vibrant against the sky. Some yellow, some orange, some brown, some blue, Can you spot them near the flowers around you?

- Reference online content & NParks signs
- Adapting content for children ages 5-7
- Writing rhymes & shortlisting poems

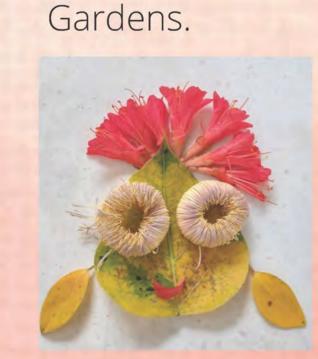
Visitor Engagement

 Encouraging visitors to create art and images that can be used on signs.

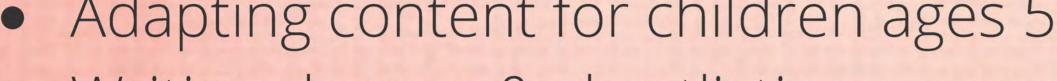














Butterfly Garden & Nature Playgarden @ Villa Verde Park Extension



MEMBERS ANDREA LING PHOEBE CHUA SIH CHEE SENG

MENTORS MAYURA PATIL MUKTA KASTURIA

Project Overview

Villa Verde Park Extension is a neighbourhood park serving the surrounding residential area. The park is uniquely positioned underneath the Kranji expressway flyovers and is located alongside Pang Sua canal and the rail corridor. The 1.1 hectares park also has the potential to serve future upcoming HDB residential areas in the area. Based on the concept design by NParks and unique site context, we were given the opportunity to ideate on the planting arrangement and play features to be incorporated in certain portions of the park such as the nature playgarden area and the butterfly garden area. Under the guidance of our mentors, we learnt a lot about landscape design and planting strategies. Some of the exciting features in our scheme include playful grass mounds for kids to run about, bioswale features, stepping planks that reflect the historic context of the site, curated butterfly trails and bird-friendly structures.

Project Location



HortPark Visit





3: Tunnel Feature 4: Water play feature

1: Entrance Sign

5: Seating logs 6: Timber decking

Site Investigation



Existing site conditions

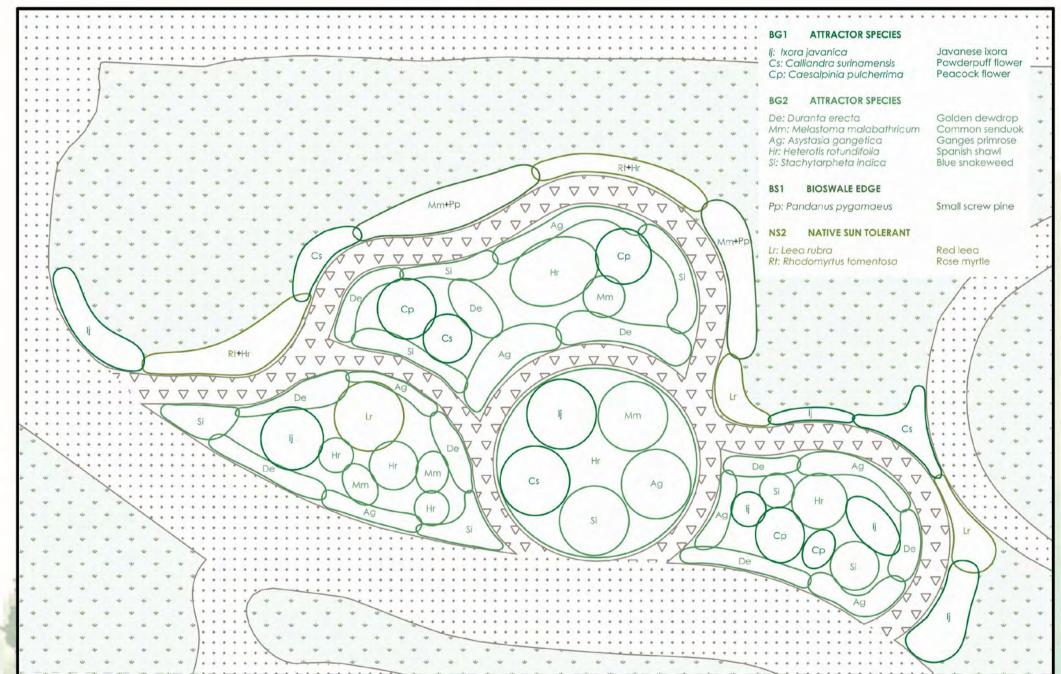
Concept Design & Shade Analysis (by NParks)



Site Analysis

Fea	ture	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats		
Via	duct	√ Sense of scale - Vastness √ Good shade	√ Certain areas are dark √ Safety issues	✓ Light installations ✓ Makeshift, rugged aesthetic	4		
Pil	lars	- 2	√ Need to be kept flat and without obstructions for maintenance	<pre></pre>			
	se of essway		√ White noise from constant traffic above	7	-		
	ng wild ation	√ Existing vegetation has (personally, very beautiful) horizontal layering effect	+	✓ Preserve original vegetation ✓ Layered greenery with interesting aesthetic quality	✓ "Weeds" are not presentable ✓ Buffers needed to protect new plant species		
	to hill ny camp	√ Serves as interesting backdrop	.4	√ Seating areas with view towards the hills	Θ)		
1	e of ees	√ Congregation of large trees √ Serves as a visual buffer to more open areas	÷	√ Can be imagined as mysterious and fairy tale-like	-		
A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	e HDB opment	√ Able to serve more local residents	√ Lush greenery and shady trees will be removed	-	4		
Water	runoff	✓ Clear water flows due to proximity to canal	✓ Surface runoff from flyover results in uneven flow of water	✓ Incorporation of water feature into the park ✓ Growing a water ecosystem in the park	✓ Localized ponding may happer if drainage is not done well ✓ Concrete cancer + Mud		
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Butterfly Garden



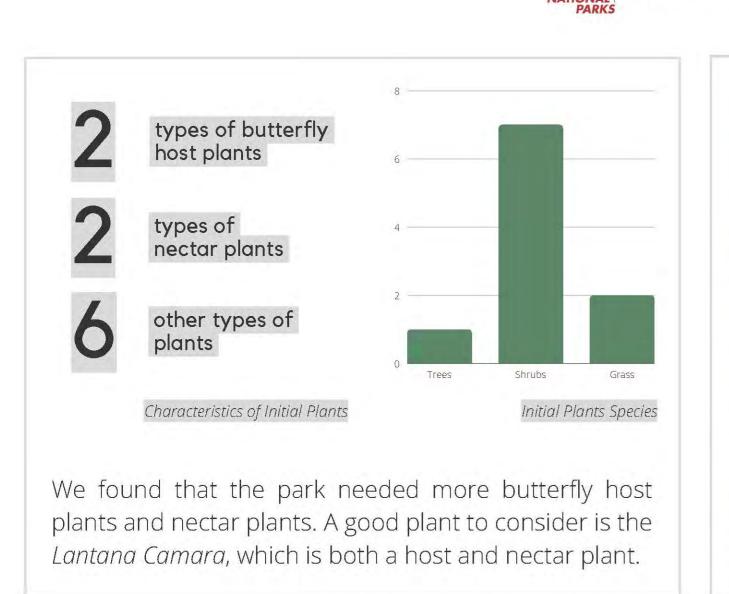


Nature Playgarden





Lorong Tanggam Park: Butterfly Garden Youth Steward for Nature 2022







Once the plant species and the design were finalised, plants were obtained and planted within the park.

15 May 2022:

Planting Day

The plants were then left for about a month to establish within the park and begin to attract butterflies.

Survey review

12 March

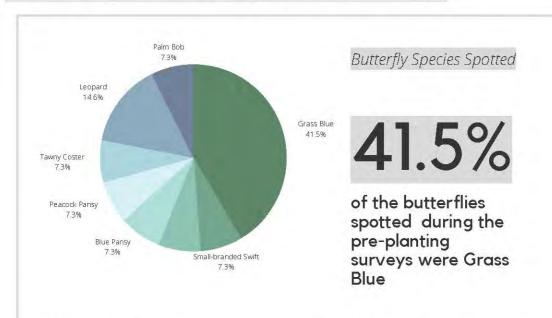
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Pre-planting survey



We first had to survey the butterfly diversity within the park prior to the project & butterfly species found at the adjacent forest edge.

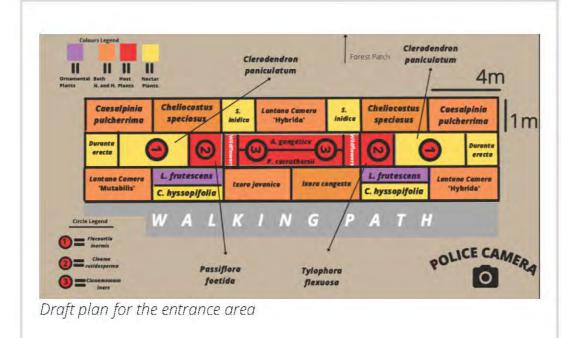
26 butterflies 8 species

31 butterflies 10 species

recorded within the park over 3 pre-planting surveys recorded in the forest edge over 3 pre-planting surveys

How do we attract these butterflies to the park?

Planning



Once the pre-planting surveys were reviewed, the team was split into groups that oversaw each section of the park.

Plant species were selected based on whether they were host/nectar plants for butterflies, taking into account the species recorded in the pre-planting surveys.

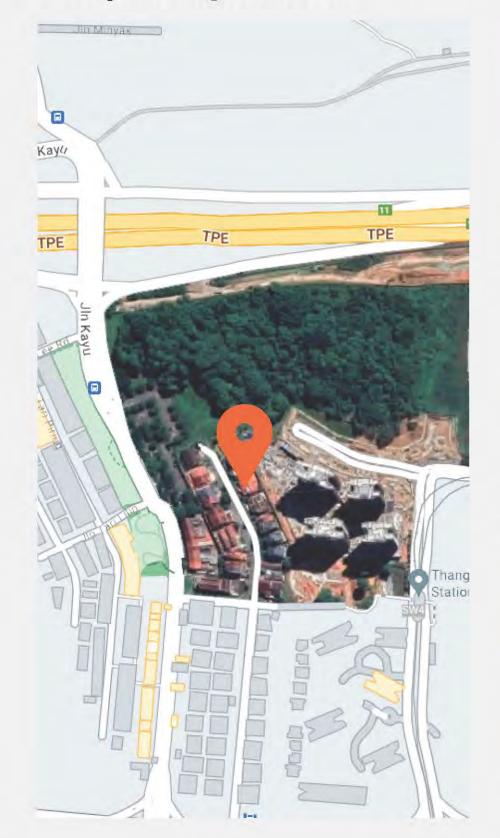
Post-planting survey



Once the plants have established, post-planting surveys were conducted to understand the new butterfly diversity and compared with the pre-survey results.

While the results are promising, more studies will need to be performed in the future to better understand the long-term impact of our project.

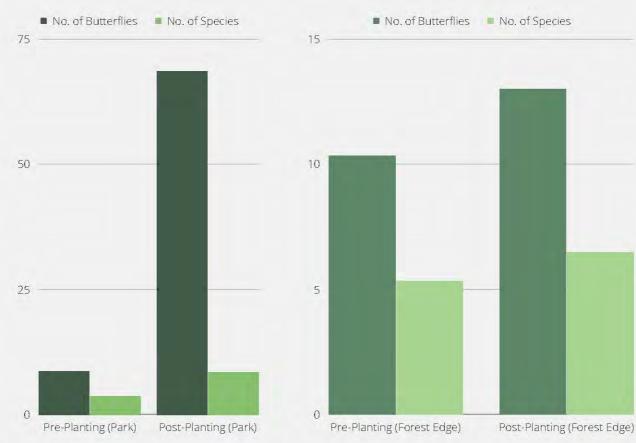
Map of garden



Site photos

Forest edge adjacent to the park

Post-planting survey review



increase in the

average number of species recorded

Our results indicate that butterfly diversity and abundance have significantly improved both within the park as well as along the forest edge after the planting.

The average number of butterflies recorded in post-planting surveys increased by about 7-fold.

Butterflies & other wildlife spotted



A Paradise Tree Snake on a Cosmos plant.



A Tawny Coster visiting A Caterpillar of Plain Tiger Lantana camara flowers.



A Common Sailor basking in the sun.



A Peacock Pansy resting on a stick.



A Lesser Dart partially open its wing to sun-bathe.



A Small-branded Swift on a leaf perch.