

Home improvement

Besides being a popular spot for camping and cycling, Pulau Ubin is also home to a number of species that are not found on the Singapore mainland, some of which are endangered. The National Parks Board (NParks) has worked to enhance the habitats of these species and boost their numbers.

BATS

Ashy roundleaf bat



Lesser false vampire bat



- 30 bat boxes (right) are placed across the island to provide the bats with roosting sites.
 - These are in addition to two larger bat houses for night placement in Jalan Nourdin and Bukit Deklar earlier this year to attract more bat species to Ubin.



BIRDS

Baya weaver



- The habitats of the above three species near the Ketam Mountain Bike Park have been enhanced with the help of ITE College East students.

- Bare areas with stones and short grass have been provided for the baya weaver, which lays its eggs in depressions in the ground.

Red-wattled lapwing



Blue-throated bee-eater



- In Jalan Ubin, four ponds previously used for fish farming have been combined into a single sensory trail pond to act as a habitat for dragonflies, kingfishers and herons, with fallen trees acting as perches for birds to rest and hunt.



- Sand mounds and artificial nest boxes (above) have been provided for the blue-throated bee-eater to nest.



Intertidal area **Mangroves** **Prohibited area**



OTTER

Oriental small-clawed otter

- Two holes, or dens (top and above), have been built for the oriental small-clawed otter, one at Noodle Beach and the other near the sensory trail ponds.

- Besides acting as habitats for the otters, the holes will allow researchers to monitor and study them.

