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4m snake draws crowd

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This is about a tree, a shy snake and curious onlookers.

Yesterday, residents near block 143 Pasir Ris St 11 had more than an hour of entertainment, thanks to a 4m-long python coiled around a branch on a tree near a bus stop.

An elderly lady was the first to spot the snake, at about 5.30pm.

In the next hour, the 18kg snake went on to attract more than 50 onlookers.

A team from the Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) arrived just before 7pm. As the team attempted to coax the python down, the crowd moved closer to the tree.

The team eventually managed to capture the python at 7.25pm.

A resident, Madam Sarimah Harum, 38, didn't leave until the snake was captured.

Just "eating snake" (a Hokkien saying which means to skive), perhaps?

She said: "A once-in-a-lifetime experience to see a snake in the estate. It was very exciting."

ACRES said it will check the physical health of the snake, implant a microchip. It may release it back to the wild.