

[REPORT] INSTALIVE INTERVIEW

URBAN GARDEN

GUEST: GOH SHANG MING, URBAN BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE (UBI)
MODERATOR: SYUHADA SAPNO

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UBI is an independent collective for urban ecology research, conservation and environmental education. In this interview session, we looked into one of the research project UBI is focusing on which is urban gardening. Project manager, Goh Shang Ming shared with us information on what urban gardening is and how to manage urban gardens. Shang Ming also touched on how those living in urban areas with limited space such as in condominiums or apartments could adapt to these restraints to make their own gardens.

A gardener must be well-informed and literate on various perspectives of gardening such as growth duration, potential insects that are attracted to the plants, and type of soil needed.

Shang Ming emphasized that to plant and manage any kind of plants, a gardener must know the type of garden they would like to create - for example ornamental, edible, cultural and so on - and the purpose of creating it. Other topics discussed were garden plants used by orang asli for handicrafts, fertilizers, managing pests, composting, and soil mixture. An interesting aspect highlighted was on looking at plant pests such as caterpillars as a way to increase biodiversity in our very own backyard.



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Some examples of types of plants:

CULTURAL PLANT

Edible food plants

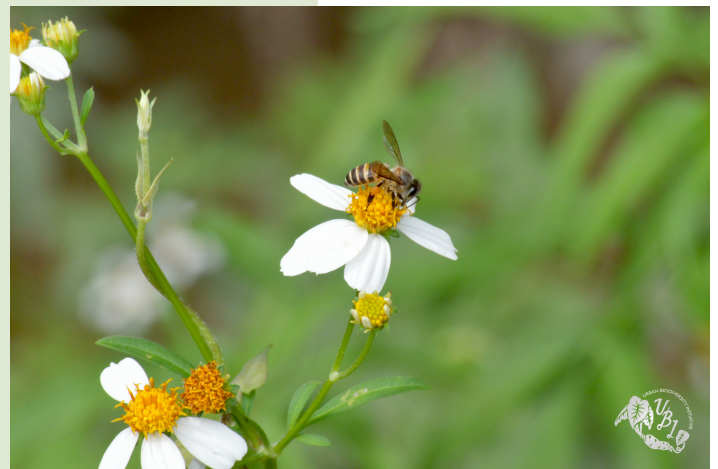
- yam
- bamboo shoots
- turmeric
- ginger

Plants with potential value for handcrafts

- mengkuang
- rattan
- bamboo

MEDICINAL PLANTS

- misai kucing
- kacip fatimah



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Wildflowers attract pollinator

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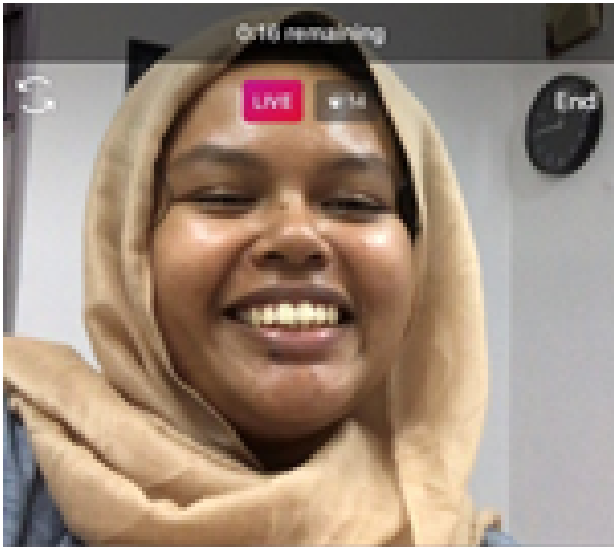
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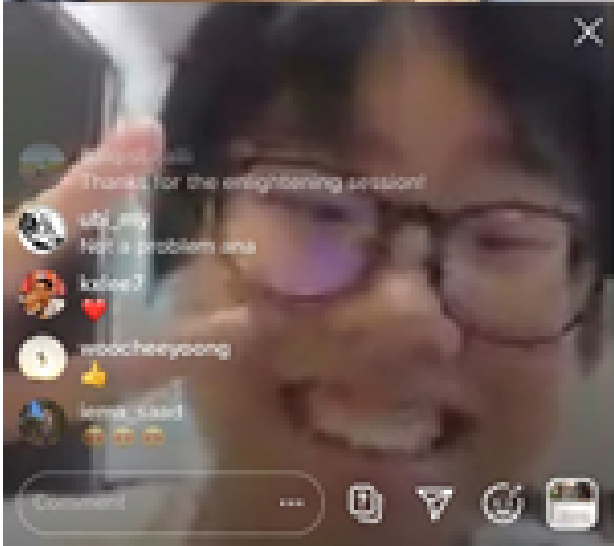


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▲ **Screenshot of the interview session uploaded on The Rimba Project's YouTube page**



◀ **Screenshot of the interview session on Instagram Live with Goh Shang Ming (below)**



LINK TO THE YOUTUBE VIDEO

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=LBJFMVAHGy0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBJFMVAHGy0)

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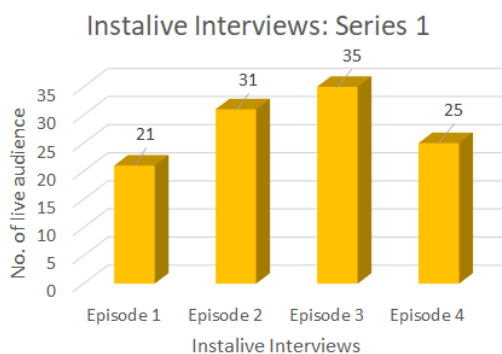


Instalive Interview is a conversation series discussing on various topics ranging from urban garden, environmental education, urban wildlife, volunteer enhancement/support and art. There are two series of these live streams. Here in the first series we had four invited guests, each of them has their own unique ways and experiences of conserving nature in the city.

Interaction with viewers where we addressed their questions in realtime allowed greater engagement as they became active participants that are directly involved in the discussion. The recorded Instalives were then uploaded to The Rimba Project's YouTube page. Time stamps with topic of discussion was added in the description for viewers to jump straight to their preferred topics of interest.

The series was a success as this form of networking has increased the audience for The Rimba Project on the social media platforms, especially on Instagram.

Bar graph shows the total highest number of viewers whom participated in the interactive interviews throughout all four sessions



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