

***Hyla vigilans* Solano, 1971, a second species for the genus *Scarthyla*, redescription and distribution in Venezuela and Colombia**

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Abstract

Hyla vigilans, a poorly known hylinae from Venezuela and Colombia, is redescribed and assigned to the genus *Scarthyla* based on external morphology and osteology. The call is analysed from localities from both sides of the Andes. When adult, *Scarthyla vigilans* is indistinguishable externally from *S. goinorum*; only calls and larvae distinguish the two species.

Key words: *Hyla vigilans*; *Scarthyla*; Hylidae; Hylinae; redescription; distribution; Venezuela, Colombia

Resumen

Hyla vigilans es un hylinae poco conocido de Venezuela y Colombia. Lo redescubrimos y asignamos al género *Scarthyla* basados en su morfología externa y osteología. Analizamos el canto de dos localidades a ambos lados de los Andes. *Scarthyla vigilans* es indistinguible morfológicamente de *S. goinorum*, cuando adultas. Sólo el canto y las larvas son diferenciables.

Introduction

Solano (1971) described *Hyla vigilans*, a small hylid frog from the southern Maracaibo Lake region (La Marca 1992; Barrio-Amorós 1998). Subsequently its generic allocation has been unclear, although it never has changed from the original genus *Hyla* in which the species was assigned. La Marca (in Frost, 1985, 2000) believed *Hyla vigilans* to be an