

A new species of frog (genus *Eleutherodactylus*) from a cloud forest in Western Colombia

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Abstract

A new species of the genus *Eleutherodactylus* (Leptodactylidae) is described from a cloud forest in western Departamento del Cauca, in Munchique National Park, sector La Romelia, between 2550 and 2750 m., and *E. hectus* is verified for the region.

Key words: Anura, Cauca, Colombia, *Eleutherodactylus*, La Romelia, Munchique National Park, new species

Resumen

Se describe una nueva especie de *Eleutherodactylus* (Leptodactylidae) de un bosque nublado del occidente caucano en el Parque Nacional Natural Munchique, sector La Romelia, entre los 2550–2750 m., y se verifica *E. hectus* para la región.

Palabras clave: Anura, Cauca, Colombia, *Eleutherodactylus*, La Romelia, nueva especie, Parque Nacional Natural Munchique

Introduction

García *et al.* (2005) and Silva (2005), in samplings carried out in forest and edge forest in La Romelia, Munchique National Park (Fig. 1), recognized different species of Centrolenidae, Hylidae and Leptodactylidae. In these samplings, *Eleutherodactylus* was the most dominant genus. This pattern has been observed in other studies of Andean cloud forest anuran fauna (Lynch 1986, 1998a), where *Eleutherodactylus* is the most abundant anuran component. Of the eleven *Eleutherodactylus* species registered by García *et al.*