

New state record and distribution map of *Dendropsophus giesleri* (Mertens, 1950) in Serra do Espinhaço mountain range, Brazil

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Dendropsophus giesleri (Mertens, 1950) is a small tree frog that belongs to the *Dendropsophus parviceps* group (Faivovich et al., 2005). Formerly known only from the Brazilian states of Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo (Frost, 2010), this species has been recently found in the state of Bahia, Municipality of Igrapiúna (Camurugi et al., 2010). The species is categorized as “Least Concern” by the IUCN Red List of Threatened species (Carvalho-e-Silva and Telles, 2004). Herein we report the first record of this species in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Searching in the herpetological collection of the Museu de Ciências Naturais of PUC Minas we found four specimens of *Dendropsophus giesleri* from Minas Gerais, Brazil (Fig. 1). Two males, MCN6018 (SVL=26,7mm) and MCN6019 (SVL=27,6mm), were collected at the Municipality of Ouro Preto (Fig. 2) (lat -20.483333° long -43.583333°, 1248m above sea level) on 15 January 2005, by Baeta, D., Lourenço, C.C. and Pimenta, B.V.S. The other two specimens of *D. giesleri*, also males, MCN11850 (SVL=25,1mm) and MCN11851 (SVL=25,4mm), were collected at Municipality of Rio Acima, at the Reserva Particular do Patrimônio Natural Mata do Capão (Fig. 2) (lat -20.138272° long -43.844431°, 991m above sea level), on 14 April 2009,

by Pimenta, B.V.S. and Faria, M.W.F.

The Serra do Espinhaço Mountain Range, where both findings are reported, is known to act as a geographic barrier between the Atlantic Rain Forest and Cerrado (Leite, Juncá and Eterovick, 2008), and the regions South and Central of Serra do Espinhaço are considered as priority areas for amphibians conservation (Drummond et al., 2005).

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Figure 1. Specimens of *Dendropsophus giesleri* found at Minas Gerais State, Brazil (MCNAM 6018-19, from Municipality of Ouro Preto; MCNAM11850-51, from Municipality of Rio Acima, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil).

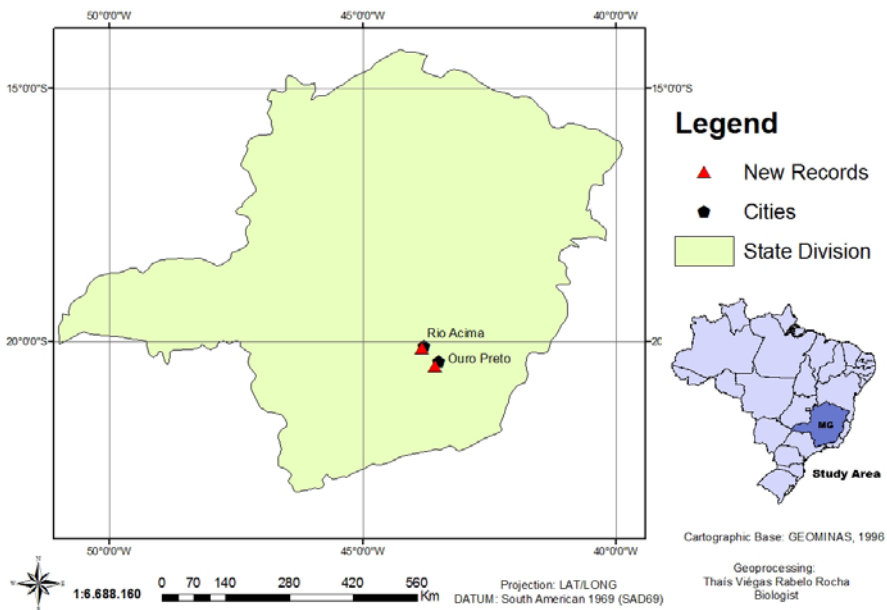


Figure 2. Localities of occurrence of *Dendropsophus giesleri* at State of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

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