

# First record of *Cercosaura eigenmanni* (Griffin, 1917) (Squamata: Gymnophthalmidae) for the state of Acre, Brazil

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**ABSTRACT:** A female specimen of *Cercosaura eigenmanni* (Griffin, 1917) was found during fieldwork in the Extractive Reserve Chico Mendes, municipality of Brasília, state of Acre, Brazil. This is the first record of the species for this state, extending the known distribution of the species by 465 km.

*Cercosaura eigenmanni* (Griffin, 1917) is a small lizard of the family Gymnophthalmidae with a known distribution restricted to the southwest Amazon region (Avila-Pires 1995; Macedo *et al.* 2008; Avila-Pires *et al.* 2009). The species inhabits forested and pasture areas and has been recorded for Bolivia, Peru and the Brazilian states of Rondônia, Amazonas and Mato Grosso (Avila-Pires 1995; Pellegrino *et al.* 2001; Macedo *et al.* 2008; Avila-Pires *et al.* 2009).

During a fieldwork in the Extractive Reserve Chico Mendes, municipality of Brasília, state of Acre, Brazil, one female specimen of *C. eigenmanni* was collected (Figure 1) amongst the leaf litter (10°39'13" S, 69°08'20" W) (collection permit ICMBIO/SISBIO - 25261-1.). The specimen was deposited in the herpetological collection of the Universidade Federal do Acre, Campus Floresta, municipality of Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil (voucher UFACF 4002). We reviewed the herpetological collection of the Universidade Federal do Acre, and did not find other specimens of *C. eigenmanni*.



**FIGURE 1.** *Cercosaura eigenmanni* recorded at the Reserva Extrativista Chico Mendes, municipality of Brasília, state of Acre, Brazil. Photo by Marco Antonio de Freitas.

This is the first record of *C. eigenmanni* for the Brazilian state of Acre and accounts for an extension in the distribution of the species of 465 km from the closest known record in Ituxi, state of Amazonas, Brazil (Avila-Pires *et al.* 2009). Systematic surveys should be undertaken in order to improve our understanding of the distribution of this poorly studied species (Doan 2003) and other herpetofauna of the state of Acre, Brazil.

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