

The taxonomic status of *Hyla roeschmanni* De Grys, 1938 (Anura: Hylidae)

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Abstract

The taxonomic status of *Hyla roeschmanni* De Grys, 1938 (Anura: Hylidae) is reviewed. We place *Hyla roeschmanni* as a junior synonym of *Hypsiboas raniceps* Cope, 1862. Because the holotype of *Hyla roeschmanni* was destroyed, we designate a neotype from Department Beni, Bolivia, and provide a description of the neotype.

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Introduction

Much taxonomic research has been accomplished on Bolivian frogs during the last fifteen years (e.g. la Riva *et al.*, 2000; Köhler, 2000). This work has led to the clarification of many taxonomic problems, the description of new species, etc. Nevertheless, many species remain unnamed (unpublished personal data) and certain minor problems await resolution. For example, some species named long ago have not been reported again since their original descriptions. This is the case with *Hyla roeschmanni* De Grys, 1938 (see De la Riva, 1990; De la Riva *et al.*, 2000).

According to Duellman (1977), the type specimen of *H. roeschmanni* was destroyed. This was confirmed subsequently by us via personal correspondence with the Zoological Museum of Hamburg (J. Hallermann, pers. comm., 2001). Moreover, *H. roeschmanni* is only known from the imprecise type locality "Provinz Beni, Bolivien, südliches Quellgebiet des Amazonas" (Province Beni, Bolivia, southern headwaters of the Amazon) (De Grys, 1938). The name has not been associated with any known population (Duellman