The genus *Enyalius* currently comprises nine species of arboreal and semi-arboreal lizards (Rodrigues et al., 2006). *Enyalius* are distributed along the remaining Atlantic forest, with the exception of the undescribed taxon *E. aff. bilineatus* which occurs in the Cerrado and *E. lechii* which is restricted to the Amazon. (Nogueira, Valdujo and França 2005; Rodrigues et al., 2006). *Enyalius lechii* (Boulenger, 1885) is a little-known lizard species with a poor representation in zoological collections (Avila-Pires, 1995; Vitt, 1996). It is distributed across the southern Amazon, including the states of Maranhão, Pará, Mato Grosso and Rondônia (Avila-Pires, 1995; Rodrigues et al., 2006; Macedo et al., 2008; Avila-Pires et al., 2009).

During investigations conducted on June 16 2005 in a forest fragment neighbouring the city of Monte Negro, state of Rondônia, Brazil (-10.2588S -63.3228W) an individual of *E. lechii* was found dead on the leaf litter. The individual was deposited in the Herpetological collection of the Zoology Museum of the Santa Cruz State University, in Ilhéus, state of Bahia (MZUESC 4631). This is the third record of *E. lechii* for the state of Rondônia (Avila-Pires, 1995), being 160 km south of the previous record near Lake Samuel, close to Porto Velho (Avila-Pires, 1995) and 340 km northwest of the previous record near Espigão do Oeste (Macedo, Bernade and Abe, 2008).

This new record highlights our lack of knowledge on *E. lechii*, which is not only the result of poor sampling in many areas of the Amazon (Freitas, França and Veríssimo, 2011) but also of the species cryptic behaviour, low population densities and high vegetation density across its habitat (Van Sluys, Ferreira and Rocha, 2004; Rautenberg and Laps, 2010). Systematic surveys should be undertaken in order to improve our understanding of the distribution of this species and other widely distributed but poorly surveyed herpetofauna (Vitt, Ávila-Pires and Zani, 1996; Freitas, França and Veríssimo, 2011).

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Figure 1. Adult specimen of Enyalius lechii found near the city of Monte Negro, Rondônia, Brazil (Photo by Marco Antonio de Freitas).