

Urostrophus vautieri Duméril and Bibron, 1837 (Reptilia: Squamata: Sauria: Leiosauridae): Distribution extension, Paraná, Brazil

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ABSTRACT: *Urostrophus vautieri* (Leiosauridae) is a Brazilian endemic lizard occurring in southeastern and southern Brazil. At the southern portion of its range, in state of Paraná, this species was recorded in the municipalities of Campo do Tenente, Curitiba and Ribeirão Claro. Here I report the collection of four specimens of *U. vautieri* in the municipality of Telêmaco Borba, Paraná, a locality ca. 140 km southwest from the nearest previously known site in the state.

The genus *Urostrophus* (Leiosauridae) comprises only two species of neotropical lizards namely *Urostrophus gallardoi* Etheridge and Williams, 1991, distributed in the northwest of Argentina and southern Bolivia (Etheridge and Williams 1991; Tedesco *et al.* 1992; Torres 1996; Bérnils *et al.* 2007); and *Urostrophus vautieri*, a Brazilian endemic occurring in all states in the southeastern and southern regions (Von Ihering 1898; Ruschi 1966; Etheridge and Williams 1991; Sazima and Haddad 1992; Lema 1994; 2002; Pellegrino *et al.* 1999; Bérnils *et al.* 2001; Di-Bernardo *et al.* 2003; Rocha *et al.* 2004; Ribeiro and Sousa 2006; Bérnils *et al.* 2007; Santos *et al.* 2009; Gasparini *et al.* 2010). The distribution of *U. vautieri* is within the Atlantic rainforest and Pampa biomes (Etheridge and Williams 1991), but it has been recently

found in Cerrado, in the state of Minas Gerais (Santos *et al.* 2009).

In the Atlantic forest of Paraná (*sensu* IBGE 1992) *Urostrophus vautieri* occurs in Araucaria forest, semideciduous forest and steppe, and has been found in the municipalities of Campo do Tenente (25°59' S, 49°41' W), Curitiba (25°25' S, 49°16' W) and "Rio Itararé" (probably Ribeirão Claro; 23°10' S, 49°42' W) (Etheridge and Williams 1991).

In August 2008 during a faunal rescue operation in the municipality of Telêmaco Borba, Paraná, (24°03'33" S, 50°42'27" W; 606 m elevation), four individuals of *Urostrophus vautieri* were collected in riparian formations near the Tibagi River (collection permit IBAMA number 52-08 CGFAP). These specimens are deposited in the

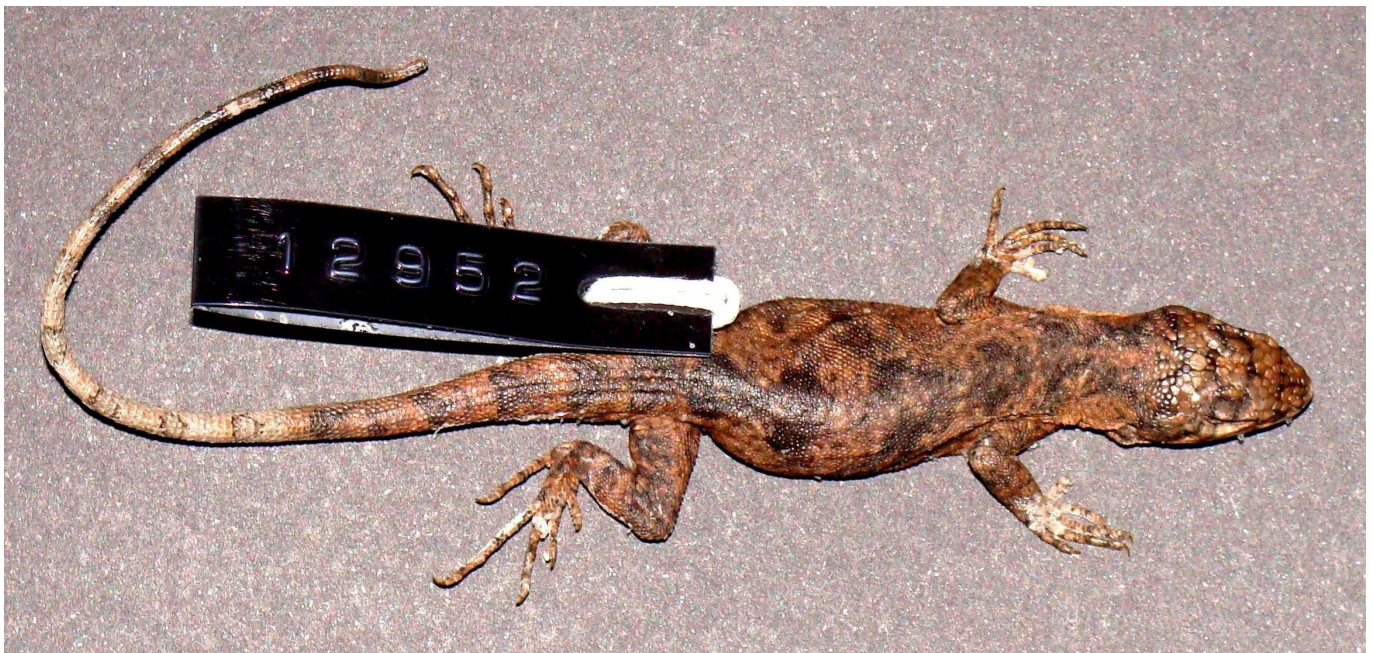


FIGURE 1. *Urostrophus vautieri* (MHNCI 12952) female, SVL = 55 mm, collected in the municipality of Telêmaco Borba, state of Paraná, Brazil.

herpetological collection of the Museu de História Natural Capão da Imbuia, municipality of Curitiba, Paraná (MHNCI 12951, 12952, 12954, 12971; Figure 1). The region is located in the Atlantic forest domains comprising an ecotone between two phytophysiognomies, Araucaria forest and semideciduous forest (Roderjan *et al.* 2002).

This new locality extends the known geographic distribution of *Urostrophus vaultieri* ca. 140 km southwest and 210 km northwest from the nearest previously reported sites in the state of Paraná (Figure 2).

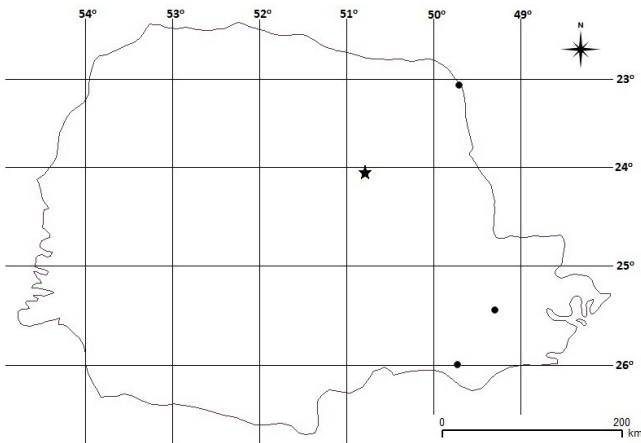


FIGURE 2. Distribution map for *Urostrophus vaultieri* in the state of Paraná, Brazil. Circles represent previous distribution records, and the star indicates the new occurrence in the municipality of Telêmaco Borba.

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