A NEW SPECIES OF Hyla (ANURA: HYLIDAE) FROM THE MIXTECA ALTA, OAXACA, MEXICO

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ABSTRACT: We describe a new species, genus Hyla, from the oak forests of the Mixteca Alta of northwest Oaxaca. We tentatively place this species in the phenetic Hyla bistincta group. The new species is similar in coloration to species of the Hyla eximia group, but differs from them by lacking a quadratojugal.

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In the last seven years, 12 new species of Hyla have been described from several areas of Oaxaca (Campbell and Duellman, 2000; Mendelson and Campbell, 1994, 1999; Mendelson and Toal, 1996; Toal, 1994; Toal and Mendelson, 1995; Ustach et al., 2000). Most of these species are from the northern versant of the Oaxaca