

BUFO GUTTATUS (Guianan Golden Toad). VENEZUELA: ESTADO APURE: Santa María del Orinoco, ca. 20 km S mouth of Río Cinaruco on the Orinoco River. 21 April 2000. J. C. Paz. Museo de Biología de la Universidad del Zulia (MBLUZA-0139). Verified by Andrés Orellana. First state record. Another Amazonian species discovered NW of previous known distribution (Barrio 1998, *Acta Biol. Venezuela* 18[2]:1–93). The Río Cinaruco apparently constitutes a northern Amazonian reduct into the Llanos ecotone on the northwestern side of the Orinoco River (previously considered a barrier for many species, including amphibians) or is the natural limit for some Amazonian amphibians and reptiles into the Llanos. Northern Amazonian species such as the Bighead Turtle (*Peltocephalus dumerilianus*) (Pritchard and Trebbau 1984, *Turtles of Venezuela*. Publ. SSAR. 403 pp.), Gladiator Frog (*Hyla boans*) (Arrington and Arrington 2000, *Herpetol. Rev* 31:170) and Rocky Frog (*Leptodactylus lithonaetes*) (Heyer 1995, *Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington* 108[4]:695–716) showed similar distributions crossing the Orinoco River and reaching the Cinaruco River to the Northwest.

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