

Complete albinism in a larval *Triturus pygmaeus*

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RESUMEN: Se describe una larva albina de *Triturus pygmaeus* de la provincia de Cádiz (España).

Complete albinism is apparently rare in *Triturus marmoratus*, and has been reported only once in the literature (Rivera *et al.*, 2001). Partial albinism, while also rare, is more frequently recorded (Budo, 1997; Rivera *et al.*, 2001; Diego-Rasilla *et al.*, 2007). Partial albinism has also been reported for *Triturus pygmaeus* (Romero & Real, 2007).

While recently examining larval amphibians collected between 1969 and 1972 in Cádiz Province, Spain (see also Busack & Donaire, 2014), I discovered one

previously unrecorded red-eyed albino *T. pygmaeus* (Carnegie Museum 94660). In formalin, the larva measures 19 mm total length and front legs are emergent (Figure 1). The specimen was collected adjacent to roadway A-2003 on 15 March 1970, 1.1 km west of La Barca de La Florida (~N36.65250 / W5.96328; ~49 masl) in a seasonal pond also containing normally-pigmented larval *Pelobates cultripipes* (CM 53094) and *Pleurodeles waltl* (CM 94657).



Figure 1. Albino *T. pygmaeus*.

Figura 1. *T. pygmaeus* albino.



Photos: S. D. Busack

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