



ELACHISTOCLEIS CESARII. BURROWING

BEHAVIOR. *Elachistocleis cesarii* is a species of South American narrow-mouthed frog (Microhylidae, Gastrophryninae) with fossorial habits. species ranges from southeastern to central Brazil (Toledo et al. 2010. Zootaxa 2418:50–60). On 4 June 2020, in the Municipality of São José do Calçado, Espírito Santo, Brazil (21.00074°S, 41.6457°W; WGS 84), we collected a juvenile *E. cesarii* during fieldwork. We placed the *E. cesarii* in a plastic container with soil obtained from the locality where it was found (Fig. 1A). The specimen was left undisturbed in the container and after a few seconds

it exhibited snout-head-first burrowing behavior (Fig. 1B). The individual placed its head down into the soil, raised its body

by stretching the rear limbs, and pushed its body downwards with help of the hind limbs until it was completely covered with

soil. This is the second species in the genus known to perform this burrowing behavior, previously described only for *E. bicolor*

(Nomura et al. 2009. J. Ethol. 27:195–201).

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