
On 25 May 2011, we found an adult female *P. achatinus* (37.9 mm SVL) sitting on a clutch of 38 eggs (Fig. 1A) at Ecoparque Los Alcázares Arenillo, municipality of Manizales, Department of Caldas, Colombia (5.067°N, 75.533°W; 1730–1960 m elev.). Both the female and the egg mass were in a shallow depression (ca. 25 mm deep) on the ground beneath leaf litter, next to small shrubs. At the time of finding the nest, the female was completely covering the eggs with the body and head, so that the eggs were not visible, which could be evidence of parental care. However, minutes after being disturbed the frog moved, allowing us to see the eggs (Fig. 1A). The eggs were spherical with yellowish cream yolk and clustered in a grape bunch although not connected by a jelly or foam matrix (Fig. 1B). We examined 10 eggs that ranged from 4.1–4.6 mm diameter (mean 4.46 ± 0.17) and we estimated them to be approximately early stage 5 of development based on the limb buds elongate and attached to trunk, forelimbs round to ovoid, and hindlimbs round to ovoid-elongate, eyes prominent but unpigmented, and gill buds present (Townsend Stewart 1985. Copeia 1985:423–436).

Although there is a widespread lack of data on parental care Pristimantis, the available data and this report suggest that females attend nests. Based on the data summarized by Wells (2007. The Ecology and Behavior of Amphibians. University...

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