

# *Hyperolius platyceps* (Boulenger, 1900)

kingdom Animalia

phylum Chordata

class Amphibia

order Anura

family Hyperoliidae Laurent, 1943

genus *Hyperolius* Rapp, 1842

## Original Published Description:

Boulenger, G. A. (1900). A list of the batrachians and reptiles of the Gaboon (French Congo), with descriptions of new genera and species. Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London. 433-456.

## Description

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### Size

The type specimen measures 29 mm from snout to vent (Boulenger, 1900).

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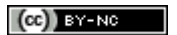
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### Morphology

Head is rather large, as long as broad and much depressed. Snout is rounded; loreal region is oblique. Interorbital space is broader than the upper eyelid. Tympanum is hidden. Outer fingers are one-fourth webbed. Toes are two-thirds webbed; disks rather large. The tibio-tarsal articulation reaches the eye. Skin is smooth, faintly areolate on the belly (Boulenger, 1900).

Dorsum is pale brownish with a large blackish-brown marking with indentations extending from between the eyes to the sacral region. Sides of head, body and upper surface of legs are blackish brown. A whitish spot is present on the leg above the tibio-tarsal articulation. Upper surface of the thigh are whitish, with a narrow dark brown streak. Venter is white (Boulenger, 1900).

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## Taxonomy

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*Rappia platyceps* Boulenger, 1900 (synonym)

*Rappia platyceps* var. *angolensis* Ferreira, 1906 (synonym)

*Rappia pleurotaenia* Boulenger, 1906 (synonym)

*Hyperolius pleurotaenius* - Noble, 1924 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps* - Noble, 1924 (synonym)

*Hyperolius angolanus* Ahl, 1931 (synonym)

*Megalixalus platyceps* - Loveridge, 1938 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps platyceps* - Laurent, 1943 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps lomamiensis* Laurent, 1943 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps lombaris* Laurent, 1951 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps olbrechtsi* Laurent, 1952 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps angolanus* - Laurent, 1954 (synonym)

*Hyperolius platyceps pleurotaenia* - Perret, 1966 (synonym)

## Common Names

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Benito River Reed Frog (English), Angola Reed Frog (English)

## References

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