

# **A study of the natural history and morphometrics of the cave bug *Zelurus travassosi* (Heteroptera: Reduviidae: Zelinae)**

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This study focuses on some aspects of the natural history of the cave heteropteran *Zelurus travassosi* Costa-Lima, 1940, which is found in several caves from the Ribeira Valley – state of São Paulo. The study includes (1) the population dynamics, using mark-recapture methodology and estimation of the population number in Parque Estadual Intervales; (2) the life cycle, by means of rearing the different stages in the laboratory; and (3) morphometrics of each stage. In addition, observations about predatory behavior, reproductive behavior and spatial distribution within the caves have been made.

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