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Dear Editors

We are glad to submit the manuscript "A survey of small mammals in the Atlantic Forest of northwest Rio de Janeiro state" for publication in *Oecologia Australis*.

In this paper we present the results of a survey in four municipalities of northwestern Rio de Janeiro state, a region with few studies on small mammal inventories, resulting in a list of small mammal species with comments on geographical distribution and habitat association.

In this study we observed a small mammal fauna composed predominantly of typical Atlantic Forest species. We first record *Calomys cerqueirai* in the Atlantic forest of Rio de Janeiro state as well as its syntopy with *C. tener* and the geographic distribution of both species was expanded.

We believe our results are of interest to researchers working with species diversity and species distribution. This paper has not and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere so long as it is under consideration by *Oecologia Australis*. The material is original and has not already been published. The authors have no competing financial interests. All the authors have been involved with the work, have approved the manuscript and agree to its submission and subsequent revisions submitted by the corresponding author.

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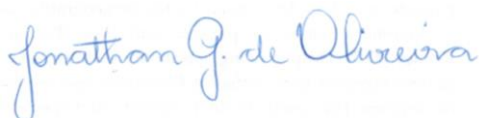
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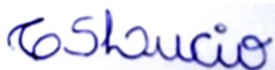
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