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According the literature consulted *Asio stygius* or Stygian Owl, or Mocho-diabo named in Brazil, is a bird of Strigidae family (CBRO,2014), that has distribution on Mexico, Central and South America, and Caribbean (HUME and Boyer,1991). In Brazil occurs in Amazon region, Midwest, southeast and south (SICK,1997). But despite its wide distribution is difficult to find because it is active at night.

Stygian Owl is considered forest bird but has been reported in a variety of habitats including in urban areas, but normally where there are high trees.

In our recent ornithological visits in São Paulo, we had the opportunity to record this beautiful species of owl in two locations, as follows.

1-On December, 02, 2014, about 9am, we observed *Asio stygius* in Ibirapuera Park, that a urban park with planted vegetation perched on high of tree (*Pinus* sp).On 09 in the same month and time we observed the same individual in the same place.

2- On January,10, 2015, about 10am, in the Cantareira State Park, which is a park with about 8,000 hectares of Atlantic Forest, we observed *Asio stygius* perched on a high of tree (*Araucaria angustifolia*).

We recorded all by photos (bellow and on internet in PROGRAMA AMBIENTAL: A ÚLTIMA ARCA DE NOÉ, 2015, and video of one record in YOUTUBE).

Perhaps these are rare records by photo of this species for these regions.

Due to increasing degradation of natural environments and the rarity of records of this species, we believe these documented record in this simple note can add some more on this bird date, and help your population study.

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December,2,2014- Ibirapuera Park



December,9,2014- Ibirapuera Park



January,10,2015- Cantareira State Park

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