During recent trips to south-east Venezuela, I have twice recorded Amazonian Pygmy-owl *Glaucidium hardyi*. On 5 February 1993, together with Dave Beadle, Jon Curson and Rob ter Ellen, an individual belonging to the *Glaucidium minutissimum* complex was spotlighted and tape-recorded in the Campamento Río Grande, east of El Palmar, Bolivar. It was only through subsequent reference to commercial sound-recordings that its identity could be ascertained as *hardyi*. On 22 and 24 March 1995, together with Neil Bostock and Chris Bradshaw, two individuals, which with reference to pre-recorded tapes were immediately identifiable as *hardyi*, were heard at c.850 m on the Escalera, south of El Dorado, Bolivar. No recordings were made, and although responsive to the tape, neither bird was seen.

Robbins & Howell¹, in their revision of the *Glaucidium minutissimum* complex, were able to locate just seven specimens of *hardyi*, from Peru, Bolivia and Brazil. Recordings were available only from the latter country. Previous records were all between sea-level and 350 m². Subsequently Steve Hilty located two specimens of *hardyi* in a Venezuelan collection (M. B. Robbins in litt. 1995). These, and the sight records detailed here, appear to be the only ones known.
from Venezuela, but the species can clearly be expected in many parts of the south-east of the country.

Acknowledgements
I would like to thank Mark Robbins for advising me of the unpublished specimen records, discovered by Hilty as part of his research for the revision of *Birds of Venezuela*, and all of the first-rate observers who shared my observations.

References

Guy M. Kirwan
6 Connaught Road, Norwich NR2 3BP, U.K.