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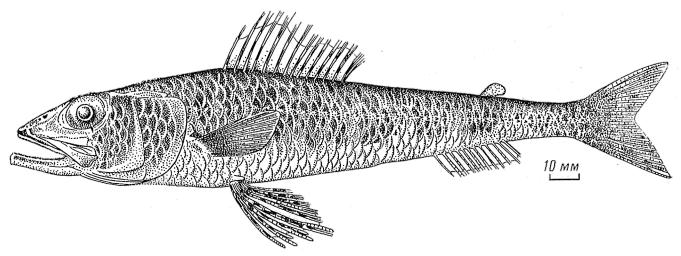
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Order AULOPIFORMES

Flagfins

Family **AULOPIDAE**

Bonaparte 1831



Aulopus bajacali, holotype. From: Parin, N. V. and A. N. Kotlyar. 1984. A new species of the family Aulopidae (Myctophiformes, Osteichthyes) from the east Pacific. Zoologicheskii Zhurnal 63 (9): 1435–1437.

Aulopus

Cloquet 1816

manuscript name coined by Cuvier and made available by Cloquet, from Aulōpías (ΑὐλωπίΑς), another of the ancient Greek fish names that Cuvier repurposed for several new genera he proposed (e.g., Synodontis, Premnas), often without any obvious connections between the ancient and modern taxa; later claims that name is derived from aulós (Gr. αὐλός), flute or pipe, and poús (Gr. πούς), foot, are without merit

Aulopus bajacali Parin & Kotlyar 1984 of Baja Cali, short for Baja California Sur, Mexico, referring to type locality off Alijos Rocks

Aulopus cadenati Poll 1953 patronym not identified but almost certainly in honor of French ichthyologist Jean Cadenat (1908–1992), Director, Marine Biological Section of the Institut Français d'Afrique Noire (Gorée, Senegal)

Aulopus chirichignoae Béarez, Zavalaga & Miranda 2024 in honor of Peruvian ichthyologist Norma Chirichigno Fonseca (b. 1929), for her research on Peruvian marine fishes and the first to mention an Aulopus species in Peru

Aulopus filamentosus (Bloch 1792) Latin for filamentous, referring to extended first two rays of dorsal fin in males

Hime

Starks 1924

Japanese name for *H. japonica*, which, according to Starks, means "Ladyfish"

Hime capitonis Gomon & Struthers 2015 genitive singular of capito (L.), one with a large head, referring to its large head relative to congeners

Hime caudizoma Gomon & Struthers 2015 cauda (L.), tail; $z\delta ma$ (Gr. $\zeta \omega \mu \alpha$), a variant spelling of $z\delta n\bar{e}$ ($\zeta \omega \nu \eta$), belt or girdle (but said by the authors to be an adjective meaning "that which is girded"), referring to numerous red bands on both lobes of the tail in both sexes

Hime curtirostris (Thomson 1967) curtus (L.), short; rostris, Neo-Latin scientific adjective of rostrum (L.), snout, referring to its short snout, shorter than the eye

Hime diactithrix (Prokofiev 2008) di-, (Gr. prefix), from $d\acute{y}o$ (δύο), two; aktis (Gr. ἀκτίς), ray; thrix (Gr. θρίξ), hair or ray (i.e., filament), referring to highly elongated second ray of dorsal fin in males

Hime formosana (Lee & Chao 1994) -ana (L.), belonging to: Formosa, or Taiwan, where type locality (Kaohsiung) is situated

Hime japonica (Günther 1877) -ica (L.), belonging to: n Yokohama, Japan, where type locality (a market) is situated

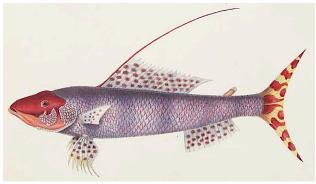
Hime microps Parin & Kotlyar 1989 micro-, from mikrós (Gr. μικρός), small; \acute{o} ps (Gr. $\acute{\omega}$ ψ), eye, referring to its "comparatively small" eyes, smaller than those of H. japonicus and H. curtirostris

Hime pyrhistion Gomon, Struthers & Stewart 2013 $p\acute{y}r$ (Gr. πῦρ), fire; histion (Gr. ἱοτίον), sail (i.e., dorsal fin), referring to red-and-yellow patterned dorsal fin

Hime surrubea Gomon & Struthers 2015 Latin for reddish, referring to its reddish hue



Hime caudizoma, holotype, male, 152 mm SL. Photo by William T. White. From: Gomon, M. F. and C. D. Struthers. 2015. Three new species of the Indo-Pacific fish genus Hime (Aulopidae, Aulopiformes), all resembling the type species H. japonica (Günther 1877). Zootaxa 4044 (3): 273–200.



Latropiscis purpurissatus. Illustration by James B. Emery. From: Richardson, J. 1843. Icones piscium, or plates of rare fishes. Part I. Richard and John E. Taylor, London. 1–8, Pls. 1–5.

Latropiscis

Whitley 1931

etymology not explained, perhaps *latro* (L.), robber, brigand, mercenary, or hunter, if so, allusion not explained, although Whitley (1966) said the fish, a benthic ambush predator, "lurks amongst rocks and weeds"; piscis (L.), a fish

Latropiscis purpurissatus (Richardson 1843) Latin for clothed or painted in purple, referring to its "general" body color

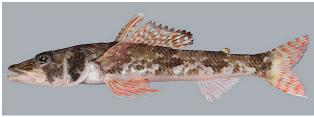
Leptaulopus

Gomon, Struthers & Stewart 2013

leptós (Gr. λεπτός), thin or slender, Aulopus, type genus of family, referring to the slender form of its species

Leptaulopus damasi (Tanaka 1915) presumably from *Eso-damashi*, its Japanese name

Leptaulopus erythrozonatus Gomon, Struthers & Stewart 2013 *erythrós* (Gr. ἐρυθρός), red; *zonatus* (L.), belted or girdled (i.e., banded), referring to distinctive red bands on dorsal and caudal fins



Leptaulopus erythrozonatus, holotype, female, 271 mm SL. From: Gomon, M. F., C. D. Struthers and A. L. Stewart. 2013. A new genus and two new species of the family Aulopidae (Aulopiformes), commonly referred to as Aulopus, flagfins, sergeant bakers or threadsails, in Australasian waters. Species Diversity 18: 141–161.

Whitley, G. P. 1966. Marine Fishes of Australia Volume I, Jacaranda Press, Brisbane, 142 pp. Since Whitley was fond of coining names with obscure historical (e.g., Kyphosus cornelli) and literary (e.g., Malvoliophis) references, latro may allude to L. purpurissatus, the "Sergeant Baker" of Australian anglers. The fish is said to have been named for William Baker (c. 1761—1836), a New South Wales Marine and member of the First Fleet that founded the European penal colony of New South Wales. Described as an enthusiastic fisherman, Baker may have been the first European to catch this fish. While not a mercenary, Baker, after his Marine service, was something of a "robber." In 1797, he was convicted of stealing a boat, and, in 1810, was dismissed from a government post for misappropriating supplies from the government store. Whitley mentioned Baker in the above-cited work but had only this to say: "Sergeant William Baker, an early colonist of Norfolk Island, must have been a florid and perhaps choleric gentleman for this rubicund fish to have been named after him."