

Order CLUPEIFORMES

Wolf Herrings

Family **CHIROCENTRIDAE**

Bleeker 1849

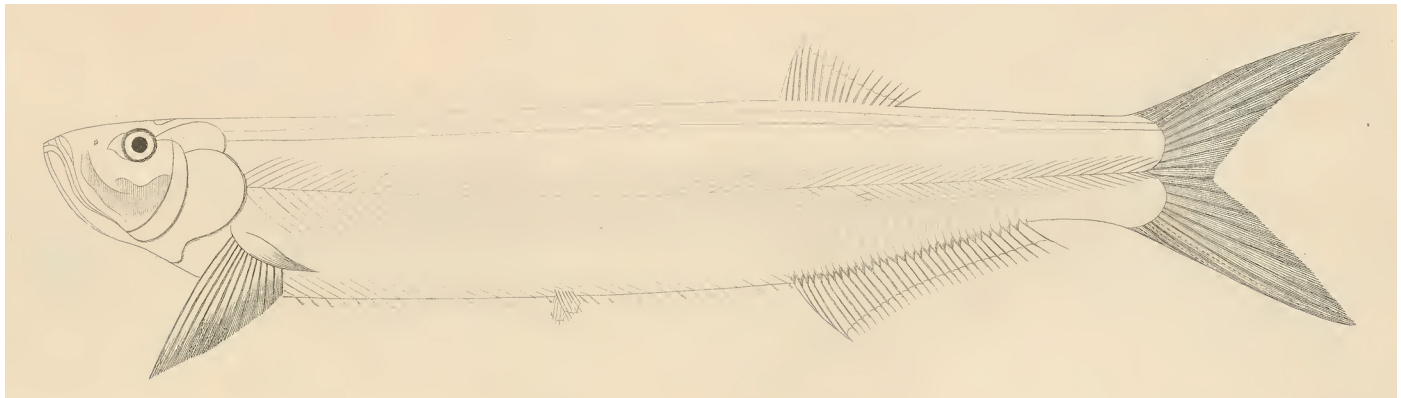


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Chirocentrus

Cuvier 1816

chiro, Latinized from *cheir* or *cheirós* (Gr. χεῖρ, genitive χειρός), hand, homologous to the pectoral fin; *centrum* (L.), prickle or sharp point, referring to long, pointed osseous appendage at pectoral-fin base of *C. dorab*

***Chirocentrus dorab* (Fabricius 1775)** Arabic vernacular for this fish [authorship often given as (Forsskål 1775)]

***Chirocentrus nudus* Swainson 1839** Latin for bare or naked, referring to what Swainson erroneously believed was a lack of scales (scales are small and easily lost)