

Order ANGUILLIFORMES

Bobtail Eel

Family **CYEMATIDAE**<sup>1</sup>

Regan 1912



Possibly first-published image of *Cyema atrum*. From: Günther, A. 1887. Report on the deep-sea fishes collected by H. M. S. Challenger during the years 1873–76. Report on the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H. M. S. Challenger 22 (57): i–lxv + 1-268, Pls. 1–66.

**Cyema**

Günther 1878

from *kýēma* (Gr. κύημα), that which is conceived (i.e., embryo or fetus), allusion not explained, probably referring to its having the “soft short body of a *Leptocephalus*”

***Cyema atrum* Günther 1878** neuter of *ater* (L.), black, referring to its uniform black coloration

<sup>1</sup>Placed in the Order Saccopharyngiformes by some workers. This order, based on distinct morphological differences from “true eels,” is now regarded as a derived lineage within Anguilliformes, *c.f.* Santini, F., X. Kong, L. Sorenson, G. Carnevale, R. S. Mehta, and M. E. Alfaro. 2013. A multi-locus molecular timescale for the origin and diversification of eels (Order: Anguilliformes). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 69 (3): 884–894.