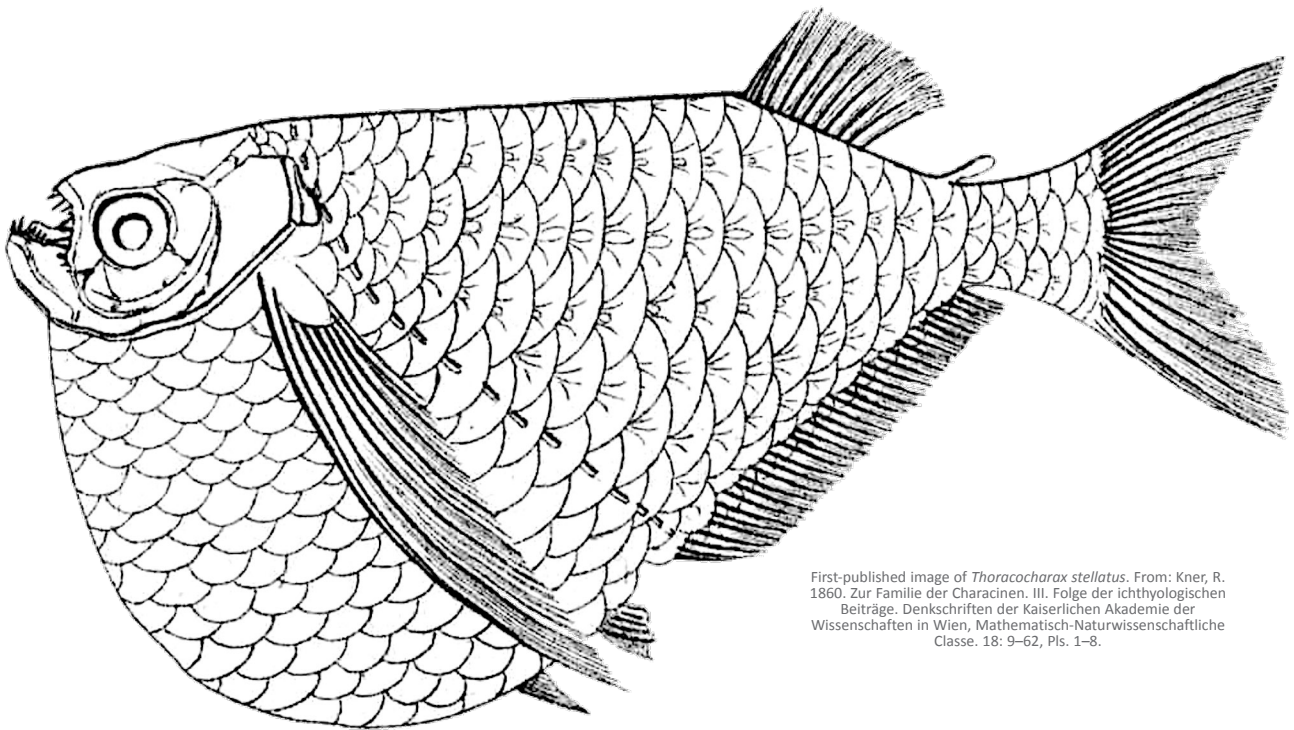


Order CHARACIFORMES

Freshwater Hatchetfishes

Family **GASTROPELECIDAE**

Bleeker 1859



First-published image of *Thoracocharax stellatus*. From: Kner, R. 1860. Zur Familie der Characinen. III. Folge der ichthyologischen Beiträge. Denkschriften der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien, Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Classe. 18: 9–62, Pls. 1–8.

***Carnegiella***

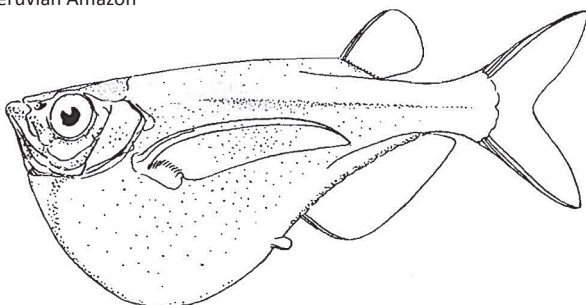
Eigenmann 1909

*-iella*, Latin diminutive connoting endearment: named for Margaret Carnegie (1897–1990), only child of industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (1835–1919), whose Carnegie Museum co-sponsored Eigenmann's 1908 expedition to British Guiana and published his report

***Carnegiella marthae* Myers 1927** in honor of Myers' first wife, Martha Ruth (née Frisinger)

***Carnegiella myersi* Fernández-Yépez 1950** in honor of American ichthyologist George S. Myers (1905–1985), Stanford University, for "extensive contributions" to the knowledge of South American fishes

***Carnegiella schereri* Fernández-Yépez 1950** in honor of William G. Scherer, Evangelical Mission at Pebas, Peru, who collected holotype and provided "magnificent help with his collection of fishes from the Peruvian Amazon"



*Carnegiella schereri*. From: Fernández-Yépez, A. 1950. A revision of the South American characid fishes of the genus *Carnegiella*. Stanford Ichthyological Bulletin 3 (4): 169–181.

***Carnegiella strigata* (Günther 1864)** Latin for furrowed or grooved (i.e., striped), presumably referring to four blackish bands radiating from middle of convex edge of thorax

***Gasteropelecus***

Scopoli 1777

*gastér* (Gr. γαστήρ), belly or abdomen; *pélekus* (Gr. πέλεκος), battle axe, referring to distinctive hatchet-shaped thorax

***Gasteropelecus levis* (Eigenmann 1909)** Latin for smooth or bald, presumably referring to absence of maxillary teeth

***Gasteropelecus maculatus* Steindachner 1879** Latin for spotted, referring to numerous small black or gray spots on sides

***Gasteropelecus sternicla* (Linnaeus 1758)** etymology not explained, perhaps from *stérnon* (Gr. στέπνον), breast or chest (especially of men),



First-published image of *Gasteropelecus maculatus*. Illustration by Eduard Konopicky. From: Steindachner, F. 1879. Beiträge zur Kenntniss der Flussfische Südamerikas. Denkschriften der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien, Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Classe 41: 151–172, Pls. 1–4.

referring to its deep, trenchant thorax

### ***Thoracocharax***

**Fowler 1907**

*thoraco-*, from *thōrax* (Gr. θώραξ), breast or chest, referring to hatchet-shaped body; *Charax*, typical genus of the Characiformes, from *chārax* (Gr. χάραξ), a pointed stake of a palisade, referring to densely packed sharp teeth, now a common root-name formation in the order

***Thoracocharax securis* (De Filippi 1853)** Latin for axe or hatchet, referring to shape of thorax

***Thoracocharax stellatus* (Kner 1858)** Latin for studded with stars, referring to scales of upper 3–4 longitudinal rows, each with circular radii, which form a “a peculiar beautiful star-like drawing” (translation)