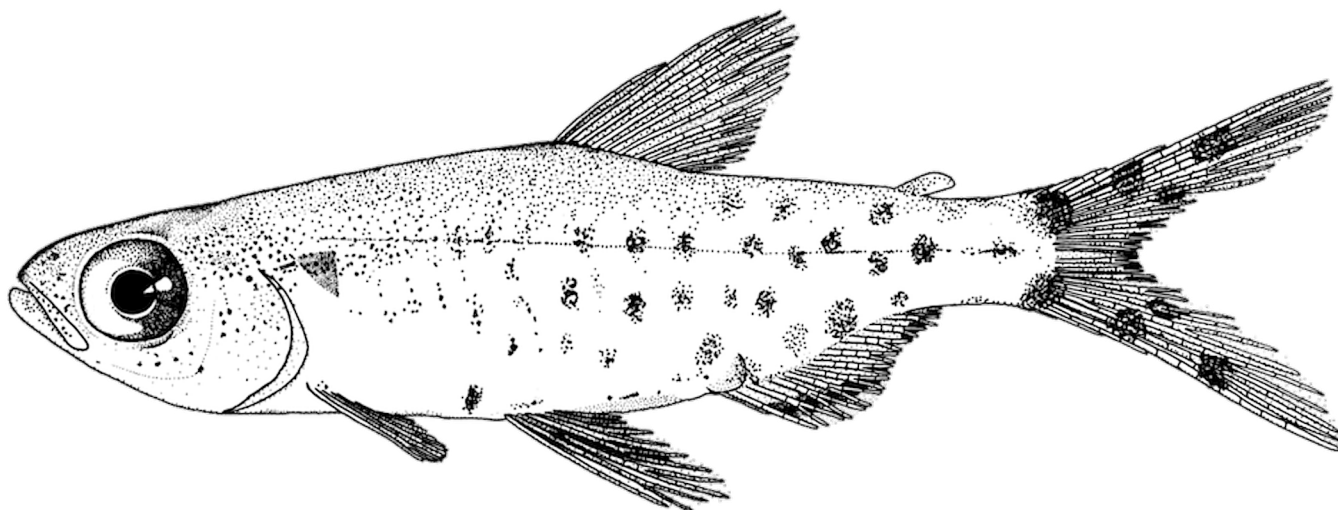


Order CHARACIFORMES

Niger Tetra and Jellybean Tetra

## Family LEPIDARCHIDAE

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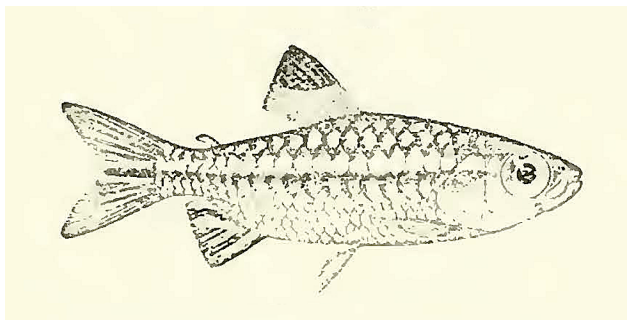
*Lepidarchus adonis*, holotype, male, 21 mm SL. From: Roberts, T. R. 1966. Description and osteology of *Lepidarchus adonis*, a remarkable new characid fish from West Africa. Stanford Ichthyological Bulletin 8 (3): 209–227.

### **Arnoldichthys**

Myers 1926

named for German aquarist Johann Paul Arnold (1869–1952), who sent types of *A. spilopterus* to George A. Boulenger; *ichthys* (Gr. ἰχθύς), fish

**Arnoldichthys spilopterus** (Boulenger 1909) spot-finned, from *spilos* (Gr. σπῖλος), mark or spot; *ptera*, from *pterón* (Gr. πτερόν) or *ptéryx* (πτέρυξ), fin, referring to large black spot on dorsal fi



*Arnoldichthys spilopterus*. From: Boulenger, G. A. 1909. Catalogue of the fresh-water fishes of Africa in the British Museum (Natural History). 1: i–xi + 1–373.

### **Lepidarchus**

Roberts 1966

*lepís* (Gr. λεπίς), scale; *archós* (Gr. ἀρχός), anus, referring to presence of one cycloid scale on either side of anterior part of anal-fin base [not to be confused with *Lepidarcus* Marshall 1948 in Insecta]

**Lepidarchus adonis** Roberts 1966 Adonis, from Greek mythology, a beautiful youth beloved by Venus, “because the males are handsome” (Tyson R. Roberts, pers. comm.)

**Lepidarchus adonis signifer** Isbrücker 1970 *signum* (L.), mark; *-fer*, from *fero* (L.), to have or bear, referring to horizontal, straight, dark-brown bar and dark-brown spot on anal fin of males, absent on the nominate form