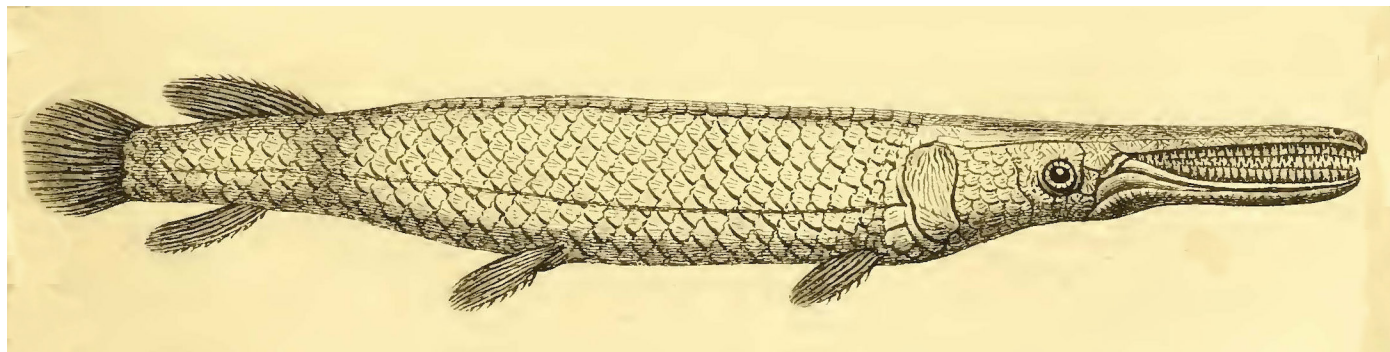


Order LEPISOSTEIFORMES

Gars

Family LEPISOSTEIDAE

Agassiz 1832



*Atractosteus spatula*. From: Lacepède, B. G. E. 1803. Histoire naturelle des poissons. v. 5: i–lxviii + 1–803 + index, Pls. 1–21.

***Atractosteus***

Rafinesque 1820

*átraktos* (Gr. ἄτρακτος), spindle; *osteus* (Neo-Latin), bony, from *ostéon* (Gr. ὀστέον), bone, referring to cylindrical body covered with heavy bone-like (ganoid) scales

***Atractosteus spatula* (Lacepède 1803)** *spatula* (L.), paddle, spoon or broad blade used for stirring, from *spáthē* (Gr. σπάθη), referring to its paddle-shaped rostrum

***Atractosteus tristoechus* (Bloch & Schneider 1801)** three-rowed, from *tri-* (L.), three, and *stoechus*, from *stoíkhos* (Gr. στοῖχος), row, referring to three rows of teeth on lower jaw

***Atractosteus tropicus* Gill 1863** Latin for tropical, referring to its distribution in Middle America

***Lepisosteus***

Lacepède 1803

*lepís* (Gr. λεπίς), scale; *osteus* (Neo-Latin), bony, from *ostéon* (Gr. ὀστέον), bone, referring to bone-like (ganoid) scales

***Lepisosteus oculatus* Winchell 1864** Latin for eyed, referring to eye-like spots on body

***Lepisosteus osseus* (Linnaeus 1758)** Latin for bone or bony, referring to bone-like (ganoid) scales on head and body

***Lepisosteus platostomus* Rafinesque 1820** flat-mouthed, from *platýs* (Gr. πλατύς), flat, and *stóma* (Gr. στόμα), mouth, referring to its long, flattened jaws

***Lepisosteus platyrhincus* DeKay 1842** flat- or broad-snouted, from *platýs* (Gr. πλατύς), flat or broad, and *rhýnchos* (Gr. ῥύγχος), snout, referring to its broad and flattened upper jaw



Possibly first-published image of *Lepisosteus platostomus*. From: Kirtland, J. P. 1842. Descriptions of fishes of the Ohio River and its tributaries. Boston Journal of Natural History 4 (1) (art. 3): 16–26, Pls. 1–3.