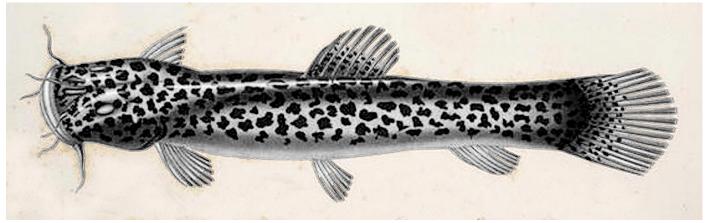
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Order SILURIFORMES

Mountain Catfishes¹

Family **NEMATOGENYIDAE**

Bleeker 1862



Nematogenys inermis. From: Guichenot, A. 1848. Fauna Chilena. Peces. Pp. 137–370. In: Gay, C. Historia fisica y politica de Chile. Zoología v. 2. Paris & Santiago. ["Ictiologia" plates 1–11 are in Atlas, v. 2 published in 1854.]

Nematogenys Girard 1855

nématos (Gr. νήματος), threaded; génys (Gr. γένυς), jaw (usually the cheek or lower jaw in ichthyology), referring to long maxillary barbels, absent in Trichomycterus (original genus of N. inermis)

Nematogenys inermis (Guichenot 1848) Latin for unarmed, referring to absence of opercular spines, which distinguished it from presumed congeners in *Trichomycterus* (Trichomycteridae) at time of description

 1 A fossil species from the Miocene of south-central Chile has also been described, Nematogenys cuivi Azpelicueta & Rubilar 1998; its specific name means "antique" or "the oldest," an adjective from the language of Mapuches, native indigenous inhabitants of south-central Chile and southwestern Argentina, including parts of Patagonia.