

Order SILURIFORMES

Mountain Catfishes¹

Family NEMATOGENYIDAE

Bleeker 1862



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

Nematogenys

Girard 1855

nēmatos (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.