

Order OSMERIFORMES

Ayus or Sweetfishes

Family PLECOGLOSSIDAE

Bleeker 1859



Plecoglossus altivelis. From: Temminck, C. J. and H. Schlegel. 1846. Pisces. In: Siebold, P. F. de (ed.): Fauna Japonica. Lugduni Batavorum [Leiden] (A. Arnz et soc.). Parts 10–14: 173–269.

Plecoglossus

Temminck & Schlegel 1846

pleco-, from *plékō-* (Gr. πλέκω), folded, pleated or twisted;
glossus, from *glōssa* (Gr. γλῶσσα), tongue, referring to its
“peculiar” ridged tongue (translation)

***Plecoglossus altivelis* (Temminck & Schlegel 1846)** *altus* (L.), high;
velum (L.), sail, referring to higher dorsal fin compared with other mem-
bers of the salmon family (in which, at the time, osmeriform fishes were
thought to belong)

***Plecoglossus altivelis chinensis* Wu & Shan 2005** *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting
place: China (and Taiwan), where it occurs

***Plecoglossus altivelis ryukyensis* Nishida 1988** *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting
place: Ryukyu Islands, Japan, where it occurs