

Order MYLIOBATIFORMES

Cownose Rays

Family **RHINOPTERIDAE**

Jordan & Evermann 1896



Rhinoptera javanica. From: Müller, J. and F. G. J. Henle. 1838–41. Systematische Beschreibung der Plagiostomen. Veit und Comp., Berlin. i–xxii + 1–200, 60 pls. [Pp. 1–28 published in 1838, reset pp. 27–28, 29–102 in 1839, i–xxii + 103–200 in 1841.]

Rhinoptera

Cuvier 1829

rhinós (Gr. ῥινόσ), genitive of *rhís* (ῥίς), nose; *ptera*, from *pterón* (Gr. πτερόν) or *ptéryx* (πτέρυξ), fin, referring to conspicuously bilobed subrostral fin of *R. marginata*, similar to the nose of a cow or ox

***Rhinoptera bonasus* (Mitchill 1815)** Latin for bison, referring to how the ray's bilobed subrostral fin resembles the nose of a cow or ox

***Rhinoptera brasiliensis* Müller 1836** *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting place: Brazil, type locality

***Rhinoptera javanica* Müller & Henle 1841** *-ica* (L.), belonging to: Java, Indonesia, type locality

***Rhinoptera jayakari* Boulenger 1895** in honor of Atmaram Sadashiva Grandin Jayakar (1844–1911), surgeon, Indian Medical Service, and collector of natural history, who presented holotype to the British Museum

***Rhinoptera marginata* (Geoffroy St. Hilaire 1817)** Latin for bordered, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to dark margin around white ventral surface

***Rhinoptera neglecta* Ogilby 1912** Latin for neglected or slighted, referring to holotype (now lost) being in "such wretched condition as to preclude a more detailed description"

***Rhinoptera peli* Bleeker 1863** in honor of Hendrik Severinus Pel (1818–1876), Dutch Governor of the Gold Coast (now Ghana), whose "enlightened zeal" (translation) led to the deposition of natural history specimens at the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie (Leiden, Netherlands), including holotype of this species

***Rhinoptera steindachneri* Evermann & Jenkins 1891** in honor of Austrian ichthyologist-herpetologist Franz Steindachner (1834–1919), for "valuable services to American ichthyology"