

Order SILURIFORMES

Spiny Dwarf Catfishes

Family **SCOLOPLACIDAE**

Bailey & Baskin 1976



Scoloplax baileyi, holotype, 14.0 mm SL. From: Rocha, M. S., H. Lazzarotto and L. H. Rapp Py-Daniel. 2012. A new species of *Scoloplax* with a remarkable new tooth morphology within Loricarioidea (Siluriformes: Scoloplacidae). *Copeia* 2012 (4): 670–677.

Scoloplax

Bailey & Baskin 1976

scolo-, from *skólops* (Gr. σκόλοψ), thorn or pointed object; *pláx* (Gr. πλάξ), anything flat and broad (e.g., plate), referring to movable, dermal bone on top of snout (rostral plate) of *S. dicra*, which is studded with large integumentary teeth

***Scoloplax baileyi* Rocha, Lazzarotto & Py-Daniel 2012** in honor of American ichthyologist Reeve M. Bailey (1911–2011), University of Michigan, for his “remarkable” contributions to ichthyology, including the descriptions of *Scoloplax* and *S. dicra*

***Scoloplax baskini* Rocha, de Oliveira & Rapp Py-Daniel 2008** in honor of American ichthyologist Jonathan Baskin (b. 1939), California State Polytechnic University, for his “significant” contributions to Neotropical ichthyology, including the descriptions of *Scoloplax* and *S. dicra*

***Scoloplax dicra* Bailey & Baskin 1976** from *díkros* (Gr. δίκροος), Greek for forked or cloven, referring to forked maxillary barbel

***Scoloplax distolothrix* Schaefer, Weitzman & Britski 1989** *distolos* (Gr. δίστολος), in pairs; *thrix* (Gr. θρίξ), hair or ray, referring to its paired bilateral mental barbels

***Scoloplax dolicholophia* Schaefer, Weitzman & Britski 1989** *dolichós* (Gr. δολιχός), long; *lophia*, from *lóphas* (Gr. λόφος), mane or crest, referring to its long pterotic-supracleithral crest or ridge

***Scoloplax empousa* Schaefer, Weitzman & Britski 1989** *Émpousa* (Ἐμπουσα), in Greek mythology a one-legged specter assuming various forms, referring to this catfish’s “rather bizarre external appearance”