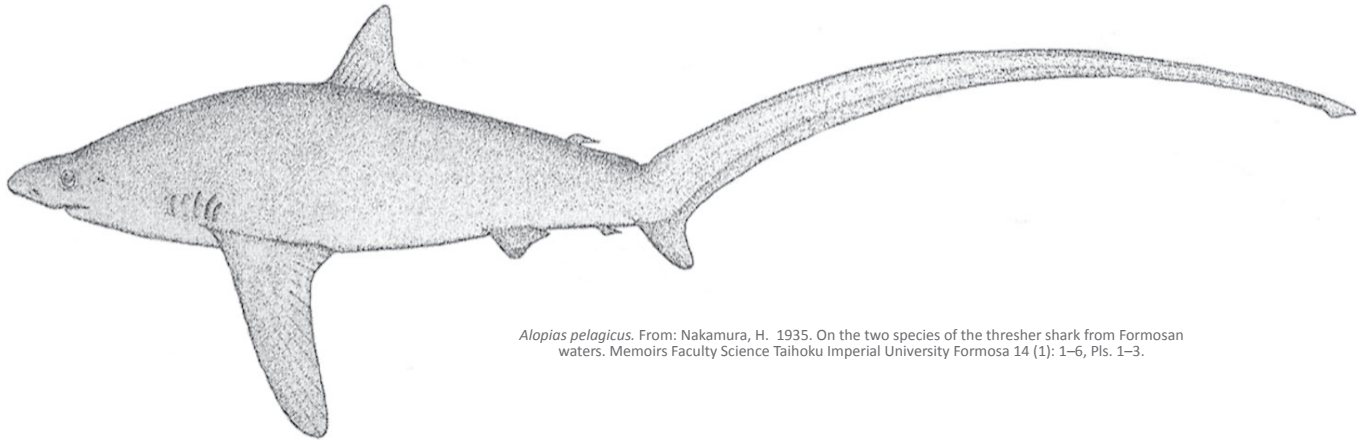


Order LAMNIFORMES

Thresher Sharks

Family **ALOPIIDAE**

Bonaparte 1835



Alopias pelagicus. From: Nakamura, H. 1935. On the two species of the thresher shark from Formosan waters. Memoirs Faculty Science Taihoku Imperial University Formosa 14 (1): 1–6, Pls. 1–3.

Alopias

Rafinesque 1810

from *alōpēx* (Gr. ἀλώπηξ), fox, referring to the ancient vernacular “fox shark,” from its long (and therefore fox-like) tail

***Alopias pelagicus* Nakamura 1935** from *pelágios* (Gr. πελάγιος), “of the sea,” referring to its “living in the upper layer of the sea,” in contrast to *A. profundus* [=superciliosus], which Nakamura believed dwelled on the “sea-bottom”)

***Alopias superciliosus* (Lowe 1840)** *super* (L.), over and above; *ciliosus* (L.), haughty or having a raised eyebrow, referring to enormous upward-looking eyes set high on head and/or marked groove over eyes

***Alopias vulpinus* (Bonnaterre 1788)** Latin for fox-like, from its long (and therefore fox-like) tail