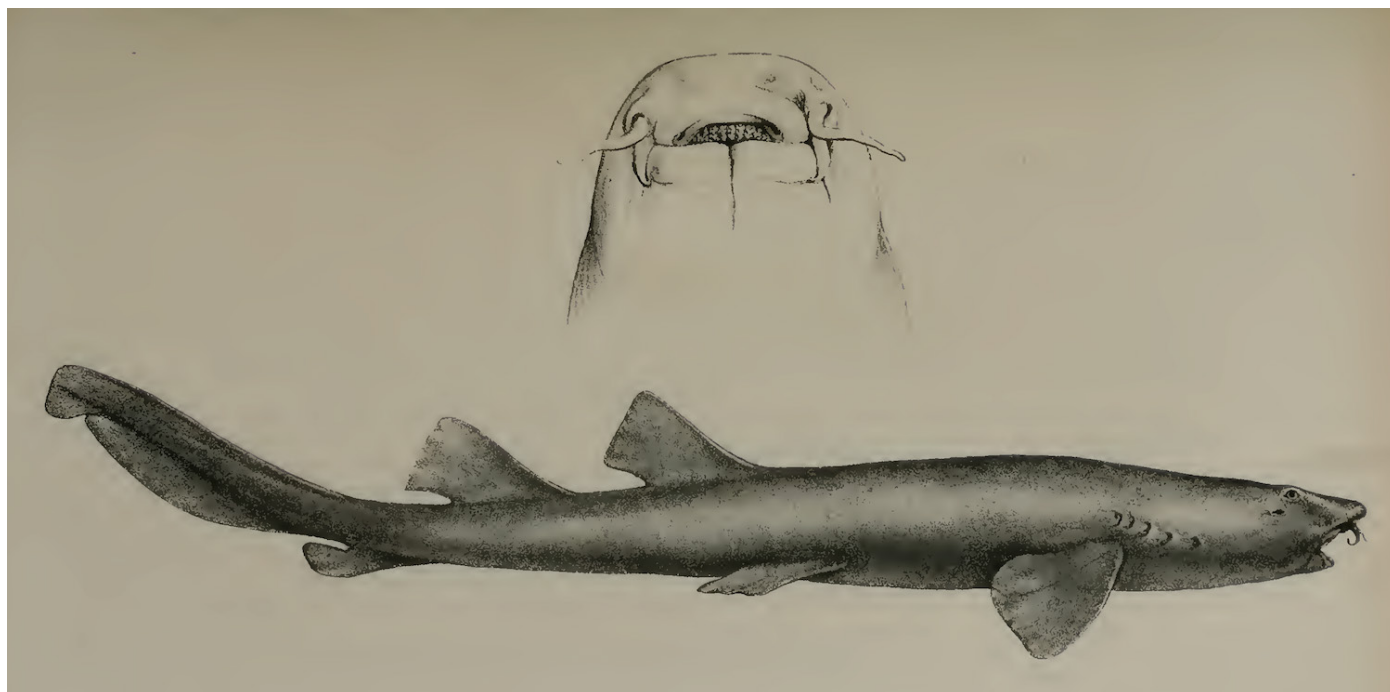


Order ORECTOLOBIFORMES

Blind Sharks¹

Family **BRACHAELURIDAE**

Applegate 1974



Possibly first-published image of *Brachaelurus waddi* (as *Chiloscyllium modestum*). From: Günther, A. 1872. Report on several collections of fishes recently obtained for the British Museum. Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London 1871 (pt 3) (art. 1) (for 21 Nov. 1871): 652–675, Pls. 53–70.

Brachaelurus

Ogilby 1907

brachýs (Gr. βραχύς), short, referring to short and stout body;
aelurus, from *ailouros* (Gr. αἴλουρος), cat, i.e., a short catshark

***Brachaelurus colcloughi* Ogilby 1908** in honor of Ogilby's friend John Colclough, Amateur Fisherman's Association of Queensland, who collected many specimens for Ogilby

***Brachaelurus waddi* (Bloch & Schneider 1801)** name given on a painting (now lost) by British ornithologist John Latham (1740–1837), from which it was described; meaning unknown, possibly based on *waddi* or *waddy*, an Australian aboriginal name for a war club and a species of tree (*Acacia peuce*) endemic to central Australia

¹ Blind Sharks are not blind; they were given this name because they retract their eyeballs and shut their lower eyelids when brought to the surface.