Order ECHINORHINIFORMES
Bramble Sharks
Family ECHINORHINIDAE
Gill 1862


Echinorhinus
Blainville 1816

Echinorhinus (Gr. ἐχῖνος), hedgehog, sea-urchin or, metaphorically, having sharp points (i.e., prickly), referring to thorn-like denticles [brambles] on body; rhinus, an ancient name for sharks, from rhinós (Gr. ῥινός), skin or hide of a beast, or from rhínē (Gr. ῥίνη), rasp, both apparently alluding to a shark’s rough skin.

Echinorhinus brucus (Bonnaterre 1788) Latin for caterpillar, presumably referring to “Chenille” or “Chenille de mer” (Sea Caterpillar), local names for this shark along the Atlantic Coast of France (type locality) in the 18th century.

Echinorhinus cookei Pietschmann 1928 in honor of the “distinguished conchologist” Charles Montague Cook, Jr. (1874–1948), Bishop Museum (Honolulu), for his “helpful assistance” with Pietschmann’s work (per Pietschmann 1930).