Order ANGUILLIFORMES

Pelican Eel

Family EURYPHARYNGIDAE\(^1\)
Gill 1883

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Eurypharynx

Vaillant 1882

eurys (Gr. εὐρύς), broad or wide; pharynx (Gr. φάρυγξ), throat,
referring to its large pelican-like mouth and throat

Eurypharynx pelecanoides Vaillant 1882 -oides, Latinized suffix adopted
from eldos (Gr. ἐλδος), form or shape: pelekán (Gr. πελεκάν), pelican,
referring to its large mouth and throat, similar to that of the bird

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\(^1\) Placed in the Order Saccopharyngiformes by some workers. This order, based on distinct
morphological differences from “true eels,” is now regarded as a derived lineage within Anguil-
multi-locus molecular timescale for the origin and diversification of eels (Order: Anguilliformes).
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