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*Aphyosemion elberti* "N'douzem", a new import from Cameroon. Photo by Patrick Coleman.

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## Greetings

Hello all

No article this time round, just a fish and egg list and a call to help someone get started with killifish. If any one can help him that would be great.

There is some news on the killifish front which may interest some. There are several new specie names and a few new discoveries.

## News

### New classification and species names

Five new South American Annuals have been described. These are *Cynopoecilus fulgens*, *C. intimus*, *C. nigrovittatus* and *C. multipapillatus*. A *Nematolebias papilliferus* has also been described. The genus *Nematolebias* has also been redefined and now only contains *Nematolebias papilliferus* and *whitei*. *N. myersi* has been moved back to *Simpsonichtys*.

Source: *IEF volume 13 number 1 2002*, **Costa, Wilson J. E. M.**: The annual fish genus *Cynopoecilus* (Cyprinodontiformes: Rivulidae): taxonomic revision, with descriptions of four new species (p. 11); and **Costa, Wilson J. E. M.**: The neotropical seasonal fish genus *Nematolebias* (Cyprinodontiformes: Rivulidae: Cynolebiatinae): taxonomic revision with description of a new species (p. 41)

*Nothobranchius* species "Kilombero" and "Ifakara" have finally been assigned names. The following *Nothobranchius* collections: *N.* sp. "Kilombero TAN 95/4"; sp. Kilombero "Minepa TAN 00-14" and sp. Kilombero "Lupiro TAN 00-15" are now *N. kilomberoensis*. The name *N. geminus* applies to *N.* sp. Ifakara "Lupiro TAN 00-15" and sp "Ifakara TAN 95/4". In the Aqualog series by Lothar Seegers sp. *kilomberoensis* and *geminus* are referred to as sp. Ifakara and sp. aff. *janpapi* respectively.

Source: *IEF volume 13 number 1 2002*, **Wildekamp, Rudolf H., Brian R. Watters and Ian F. N. Sainthouse**: Two new species of the genus *Nothobranchius* (Cyprinodontiformes: Aplocheilidae) from the Kilombero River basin, Tanzania (p. 1)

### New discoveries

There have been three South American Annual collections from the Rio Xingu drainage (a first!). Of the three species: one resembles *Pituna compacta*, one has a passing resemblance to *Plesiolebias xavantei* and the other is a totally new species of perhaps *Simpsonichtys*.

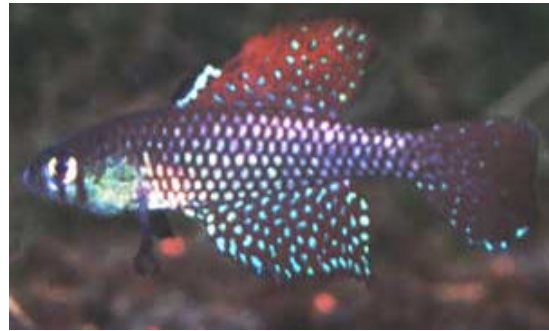
All three have been on sale in England and Europe as well as Japan. In Japan the fish goes by the name of *Simpsonichthys* sp. Blue Ruby. Consensus on the *Cynolebias* Egroup is that the new collections should be referred to as *Pituna* sp. aff. *compacta* "Rio Xingu"; *Plesiolebias* sp. aff. *xavantei* "Rio Xingu" and *Simpsonichtys* sp. Rio Xingu or Blue Ruby "Rio Xingu".



*Pituna* sp. aff *compacta* "Rio Xingu", photo by Julian Haffagee



*Plesiolebias* sp. aff *xavantei* "Rio Xingu", photo by Michael Schlüter



*Simpsonichthys* sp. Blue Ruby "Rio Xingu", photo by Michael Schlüter.

## Fish and Egg Trading List

Please submit your list (by the latest one week before the end of the month) of fish/eggs that you have for sale or would like to acquire. The list can be sent to [tgenade@sun.ac.za](mailto:tgenade@sun.ac.za).

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Available eggs:

<i>Aphyosemion australe</i>	R 25/10 eggs
<i>Nothobranchius korthausae</i> "Mafia Island TAN 5/02"	R 50/wks
<i>Psedomugil gertrudae</i> "Jones Road, Nth Qld"	R 25/10 eggs
<i>Simpsonichthys</i> sp. South Bahia CI-99	R 50/wks
Grindal worm culture starter	R 10
Vinegar eel culture starter (5 ml)	R 10

All eggs are shipped fresh. Non-annual eggs are picked consecutively for 3 or 4 days and shipped off allowing three to four days of travel.

The *Pseudomugil gertrudae* are a species of blue-eye a relative of the rainbow fish and is not a killifish. It does have some very nice killifish properties: small size, peaceful, large eggs with long incubation period.

### **New Comer looking for killifish**

Tiaan Dercksen of Potchefstroom is looking to start keeping killifish. He is interested in Aphyosemions. If anyone can help him his email address is: [DINCHD@puknet.puk.ac.za](mailto:DINCHD@puknet.puk.ac.za).

## Membership Dues

The membership dues are as follows for Southern African members:

Membership (e-based)	R 10
Postal	R 50

The membership packages comprise of a flat membership rate whereby you get the newsletter and SAKS *Letters* each two months for six issues. This is conveyed via e-mail for R 10 or by post for R 50.

Same rates apply to foreign members except in regard to the postal membership. In this case the membership fee is R 100.

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