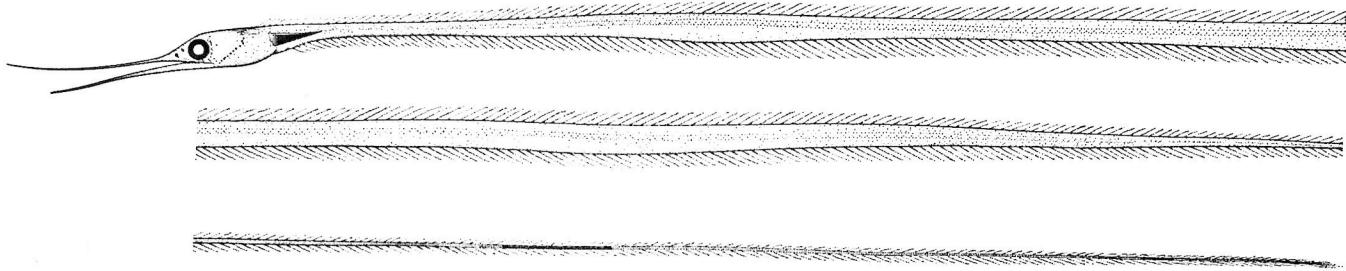


Order ANGUILLIFORMES

Snipe Eels

Family NEMICHTHYIDAE

Kaup 1859



Nemichthys larseni, holotype, female, 595 mm TL. Illustration by K. Elsman. From: Nielsen, J. G. and D. G. Smith. 1978. The eel family Nemichthyidae (Pisces: Anguilliformes). Dana Report No. 88: 1–71, Pls. 1–2.

Avocettina

Jordan & Davis 1891

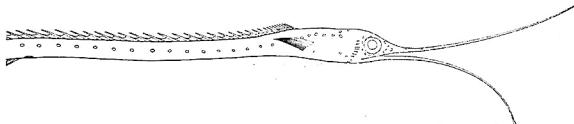
-ina (L. suffix), having the nature of: the avocet, a shorebird with a long, curved bill, referring to the similarly long, curved jaws of *A. infans*

Avocettina acuticeps (Regan 1916) *acutus* (L.), sharp or pointed; -ceps (New Latin), headed, referring to “rather produced and acute” snout of leptocephalus

Avocettina bowersii (Garman 1899) in honor of American politician George M. Bowers (1863–1925), head of the United States Fish Commission, whose steamer Albatross collected holotype

Avocettina infans (Günther 1878) Latin for infant or immature, allusion not explained nor evident (perhaps Günther believed this eel had a larval or undeveloped appearance¹)

Avocettina paucipora Nielsen & Smith 1978 *paucus* (L.), few; *pora* (L.), pored, referring to relatively few lateral-line pores compared with *A. infans*

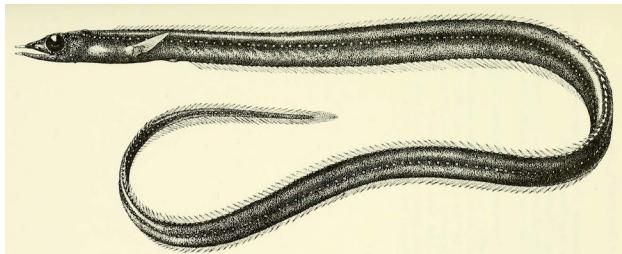


Avocettina paucipora, paratype. From: rom: Nielsen, J. G. and D. G. Smith. 1978. The eel family Nemichthyidae (Pisces: Anguilliformes). Dana Report No. 88: 1–71, Pls. 1–2.

Labichthys

Gill & Ryder 1883

labís (Gr. λαβίς), forceps or handle, referring to long, slender jaws of *L. carinatus*; *ichthys* (Gr. ἰχθύς), fish



Labichthys yanoi, holotype, 620 mm TL. Illustration by Nicholas Strelakovsky. From: Mead, G. W. and I. Rubinoff. 1966. *Avocettinops yanoi*, a new nemichthyid eel from the southern Indian Ocean. Breviora No. 241: 1–6.

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Labichthys carinatus Gill & Ryder 1883 Latin for keeled or carinate, referring to ridge or keel on rostrum of holotype (of no morphological or taxonomic importance; caused by skin shrinking and pulling tight around posterolateral edges of ethmovomer¹)

Labichthys yanoi (Mead & Rubinoff 1966) in honor of Shigeru Yano, Honolulu, Hawai‘i (USA), “friend and fellow fisherman,” whose maintenance and operation of nets and associated equipment contributed greatly to the success of the authors’ trawling expedition

Nemichthys

Richardson 1848

néma (Gr. νήμα), thread, referring to thread-like caudal region of *N. scolopaceus*; *ichthys* (Gr. ἰχθύς), fish

Nemichthys curvirostris (Strömman 1896) *curvis*, properly spelled *curvus* (L.), curved; *rostris*, Neo-Latin scientific adjective of *rostrum* (L.), snout, referring to slightly curved snout of leptocephalus

Nemichthys larseni Nielsen & Smith 1978 in honor of Verner Larsen, who began revising the family while a student at the University of Copenhagen, and who “generously handed over his material” to the authors “when he was unable to finish it”

Nemichthys scolopaceus Richardson 1848 *-eus* (L. suffix), having the quality of: *Scolopax*, a genus of long-billed wading birds, referring to its similarly long jaws

¹ Smith, D. G. and J. G. Nielsen. 1989. Family Nemichthyidae. In: Böhlke, E. B. (ed.). Fishes of the Western North Atlantic. Memoirs of the Sears Foundation for Marine Research No. 1 [pt. 9, vol. 1]: i–xvii, 1–655.