

LXXIX.—*Description of a new Fish of the Genus*
Chaetostomus from Venezuela. By C. TATE REGAN, B.A.

Chaetostomus anomalus.

Head much depressed, without distinct ridges or prominences, its width equal to its length and about one third of the total (without caudal); snout with a naked swollen margin, without tentacles; fold of the upper lip without median prolongation; barbel very short. Eye very small, its diameter 8–12 times in the length of head, $2\frac{3}{4}$ – $3\frac{3}{4}$ times in the interorbital width. Interoperculum with a few short spines. Thorax and abdomen entirely naked. D. I 7–9, longer than high, the anterior rays scarcely longer than the posterior and $\frac{3}{5}$ – $\frac{2}{3}$ the length of head; adipose fin usually rudimentary or absent, rarely well developed but small. A. I 2–4, small. Pectoral spine barely reaching the root of the ventral. Caudal obliquely truncated. Scutes of body not keeled, with short marginal spines, about 26 in a longitudinal series. Olive-brown above, with light spots in some specimens; dorsal and caudal blackish, sometimes barred with rows of light spots.

Total length 160 millim.

Numerous examples from Merida, Venezuela, altitude 1500 metres, and from the Albirregas and Milla Rivers, above Merida, altitude 3500 metres, collected by Sr. S. Briceño.

This species is extremely remarkable in that the adipose fin is usually rudimentary or absent*; its nearest ally is *Ch. microps*, Günther, which has a slightly larger eye, the head much less depressed, and the dorsal fin more elevated.

LXXX.—*Description of a new Fish of the Genus Genypterus, with Notes on the Allied Species.* By C. TATE REGAN, B.A.

Genypterus microstomus.

Depth of body 8–10 times in total length, length of head about 5 times. Snout as long as or a little longer than eye,

* Of 235 examples, 14 have a well-developed adipose dorsal, provided, as usual in this genus, with a spine, in 42 it is very small, in 78 more or less rudimentary, and in 101 entirely wanting. The great majority have I 8 dorsal and either I 3 or I 4 anal rays.



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