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## New species of *Creagrutus* Günther (Characiformes: Characidae) from rio Tapajós basin, Brazil, with comments on its phylogenetic position

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### Abstract

*Creagrutus nigrotaeniatus* n. sp. is described from the rio Juruena basin, upper rio Tapajós system, Mato Grosso State, Brazil. *Creagrutus nigrotaeniatus* differs from its congeners by having the dentigerous surface of the premaxilla longitudinally elongate from ventral view, 4–5 post-anal scales and 2–4 maxillary teeth. The new species also has the anterior margin of hyomandibula straight or slightly concave which is a unique condition within the genus, and possesses a series of non-exclusive osteological modifications (e.g. medial opening of the dentary foramen located distinctly anteroventral to the tip of Meckel's cartilage; anterior portion of the laterosensory canal segment in first infraorbital terminating distinctly posterior to the anterior margin of this bone; presence of the third posttemporal fossa within the epioccipital; one epural present). A comparison with *Caiapobrycon tucurui* is provided and the placement of the new species within *Creagrutus* and its close relationship with *C. cracentis*, *C. gephyrus*, and *C. maxillaris* are discussed.

**Key words:** *Creagrutus maxillaris*, *Caiapobrycon*, Stevardiinae, Ostariophysi, Amazon

### Resumo

*Creagrutus nigrotaeniatus* sp. n. é descrito da Bacia do rio Juruena, alto Tapajós, Estado do Mato Grosso, Brasil. *Creagrutus nigrotaeniatus* difere-se de seus congêneres por possuir superfície dentígera do pré-maxilar longitudinalmente alongada em vista ventral, 4–5 escamas pós-anais e 2–4 dentes maxilares. A nova espécie apresenta também a margem anterior da hiomandíbula reta ou levemente côncava, condição única no gênero, e possui uma série de modificações osteológicas não-exclusivas (e.g. abertura medial do forame do dentário localizado distintamente antero-ventral a extremidade da cartilagem de Meckel; porção anterior do segmento do canal latero-sensorial do primeiro infraorbital terminando distintamente posterior a margem anterior desse osso; presença da terceira fossa pós-temporal incluída no epioccipital; um epural presente). Uma comparação com *Caiapobrycon tucurui* é apresentada e a alocação da nova espécie no gênero *Creagrutus* e sua relação próxima com *C. cracentis*, *C. gephyrus*, e *C. maxillaris* são discutidas.

### Introduction

Originally described by Günther (1864) to reallocate *Leporinus muelleri* (Günther), the genus *Creagrutus* currently represents one of the most species-rich genera within Characidae, with 69 valid species (Eschmeyer 2013) widely distributed in most South American drainages (Vari & Harold 2001). Taxonomic revisions of the trans- and cis-Andean species (Harold & Vari, 1994, and Vari & Harold, 2001, respectively), and a comprehensive phylogenetic study significantly increased the number of valid species of the genus, resulting in *Creagrutus* as one of the most well-known taxa within the Neotropical fish fauna.

As a consequence of recent collection efforts in poorly explored regions of South America (Vari & Lima 2003), several new species of *Creagrutus* have been described (Vari & Lima, 2003; Ribeiro *et al.* 2004; Torres-Mejia & Vari, 2005; Harold & Salcedo 2010; Román-Valencia *et al.* 2010). In this paper, a new species of *Creagrutus* from the rio Juruena, rio Tapajós basin is described, and its phylogenetic relationships is discussed.

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