

A new tailspot tetra of the genus *Bryconops* (Teleostei: Iguanodectidae) from the lower rio Tapajós basin, Brazil

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A new *Bryconops* is described from lower rio Tapajós. The new species differs from all congeners by the following combination of features: posterior extension of maxilla not reaching junction of second and third infraorbital bones, 1 or 2 tri- or pentacuspid teeth on each maxillary bone, 38–41 perforated scales in the lateral line, 24–27 branched anal-fin rays, and a broad dark stripe placed midlaterally on caudal peduncle.

Um novo *Bryconops* é descrito do baixo rio Tapajós. A espécie nova difere de todas suas congêneres pela seguinte combinação de caracteres: margem posterior da maxila não alcançando a junção do segundo e terceiro ossos infra-orbitais, 1 ou 2 dentes tri- ou pentacuspidados em ambos os ossos maxilares, 38–41 escamas perfuradas na linha lateral, 24–27 raios ramificados na nadadeira anal e uma larga faixa escura posicionada mediolateralmente no pedúnculo caudal.

Introduction

Bryconops is a genus of small-sized tetras currently composed of 23 valid species distributed throughout most of the cis-Andean freshwater drainages of South America (Guedes et al., 2016; Wingert et al., 2018; Silva-Oliveira et al., 2018). Chernoff & Machado-Allison (1999: 359) diagnosed *Bryconops* by three putative synapomorphies: (1) ventral edge of maxilla curving sharply posteriorly, almost 90°, extending to or beyond the quadrate socket of the angulo-articular; (2) antorbital with well-developed infraorbital latero-sensory canal;

and (3) latero-supraorbital sensory canal extending posteriorly onto nuchal scales.

Those authors distinguished two subgenera, *Bryconops* and *Creatochanes*, based on the number of maxillary teeth (none or rarely one in *Bryconops* vs. 1–3 in *Creatochanes*), posterior extension of the maxilla (not reaching junction of second and third infraorbital bones in *Bryconops* vs. reaching junction in *Creatochanes*), and border between second and third infraorbitals (leaving small naked triangle in *Bryconops* vs. squared-off, without naked area in *Creatochanes*). Within *Creatochanes*, Chernoff & Machado-Allison (1999, 2005) also

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