

FISHES FROM THE GREAT BARRIER REEF COLLECTED BY MR. MELBOURNE WARD.

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(Figures 1-2.)

A collection of fishes made by Mr. Melbourne Ward in November, 1927, amongst the islets of the Bunker Group, Queensland, is a small one, but contains several interesting species. Hoskyn, Lady Musgrave, and Fairfax Islands were visited; these are situated at the southern extremity of the Great Barrier Reef. I have already given an account¹ of the fishes of the adjacent Capricorn Group, which may be consulted for references to literature and notes which are not repeated here. Several species of fishes have, however, been recorded from those islands since the appearance of my paper. These are: *Pseudochromis* (*Leptochromis*) *tapeinosoma* Bleeker from Masthead Island,² *Pomacentrus wardi* Whitley from Heron Island,³ *Epinephelus merra* Bloch, *Pomacentrus sufflavus* Whitley, and *Glyphisodon hedleyi* Whitley from North-West Islet,⁴ and *Petroscirtes grammistes* C. & V. (of which *P. lineatus* De Vis is a synonym) from Masthead and North-West Islets.⁵

Family PSEUDOCHEMIDÆ.

Genus DAMPIERIA *Castelnau*, 1875.

Cichlops Müller and Troschel, *Horæ Zoologicæ* iii, 1849, p. 24. Orthotype, *C. microphthalmus* (*vide* Jordan, *Gen. Fish.* ii, 1919, p. 243). Preoccupied by *Cichlops* Gray, *Cat. Birds Nepal*, 1846, p. 77 (*teste* Mr. T. Iredale), previously introduced as *Cichlops* Gray, *Zool. Misc.*, vi, June, 1844, p. 83, *ex* Hodgson, *nom. nud.*; a genus of birds.

Labracinus Schlegel, *Handbuch der Dierkunde* (v.d. Høeven), 1850. *Nomen nudum* (*vide* Gill, 1904).

Dampieria Castelnau, *Res. Fish. Austr.* (Vict. Offic. Rec. Philad. Exhib.), 1875, p. 30. Haplotype *D. lineata* Castelnau.

Labracinus Bleeker, *Arch. Néerl. Sci. Nat.*, xi, 1876, p. 320. *Ex* Schlegel MS. Type, *Cichlops cyclophthalmus* Müller and Troschel (*vide* Jordan, *Gen. Fish.*, iii, 1919, p. 383). Substitute for *Cichlops* Müller and Troschel.

¹ Whitley.—*Austr. Zool.* iv, 4, 1926, pp. 227-236, pls. xxxiii-xxxiv, and text-fig. 1.

² McCulloch.—*Biol. Res. Endeavour*, v, 4, 1926, p. 192, pl. ii.

³ Whitley.—*Rec. Austr. Mus.* xv, 5, 1927, p. 301, text-fig. 1.

⁴ Whitley.—*Rec. Austr. Mus.* xvi, 1, 1927, pp. 1-32, pl. i, and text-fig. 1.

⁵ Whitley.—*Rec. Austr. Mus.*, xvi, 4, 1928, p. 229.