Order CICHLIFORMES (part 5 of 8)
Family CICHLIDAE Cichlids (part 5 of 7)
Subfamily Pseudocrenilabrinae African Cichlids (Pallidochromis through Yssichromis)

**Pallidochromis** Turner 1994
- *pallidus*, pale, referring to pale coloration of all specimens observed at the time; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chrono* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mosambicus* Peters 1852
- *tokolosh* Turner 1994
  - a malevolent spirit in languages of central and southern Africa, referring to long snout, bulging eyes and sagging pot-belly of specimens trawled from deepwater as represented in carvings made around Lake Malawi

**Paracyprichromis** Poll 1986
- *para*-, near, referring to similarity to *Cyprichromis*, a closely related genus
- **Paracyprichromis brieni** (Poll 1981)
  - in “grateful memory” (translation) of friend and zoological colleague Paul Brien (1928-1964), Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
- **Paracyprichromis nigripinnis** (Boulenger 1901)
  - *niger*-, black; *pinnis*, fin, referring to its “blackish” fins (light blue on males in life, perhaps blackish in alcohol)

**Paralabidochromis** Greenwood 1956
- *para*-, near, “closely related morphologically” to *Labidochromis vellicans* of Lake Malawi
- **Paralabidochromis victoriae** Greenwood 1956
  - of Lake Victoria, Uganda, where it is endemic

**Parananochromis** Greenwood 1987
- *para*-, near, presumed sister genus to *Nanochromis*
- **Parananochromis axelrodi** Lamboj & Stiassny 2003
  - in honor of pet-book publisher Herbert R. Axelrod (1927-2017), for his “generous support of ichthyological research and exploration”
- **Parananochromis brevirostris** Lamboj & Stiassny 2003
  - *brevi*-, short; *rostrum*, beak or snout, referring to its short, rounded snout
- **Parananochromis caudifasciatus** (Boulenger 1913)
  - *caudii*, tail; *fasciatus*, banded, referring to numerous dark bars on caudal fin
- **Parananochromis elobatus** Lamboj 2014
  - *elo*-, not; *lobatus*, lobed, referring to short lappets on dorsal fin, compared to elongated lappets on *P. brevirostris*
- **Parananochromis gabonicus** (Trewavas 1975)
  - *gabon*icus, belonging to: Gabon, where it is endemic
- **Parananochromis longirostris** (Boulenger 1903)
  - *longi*-, long; *rostris*, snout, referring to longer and narrower snout compared to *Benitochromis batesii*, its presumed congener at the time
- **Parananochromis ornatus** Lamboj & Stiassny 2003
  - handsome or splendid, referring to its attractive coloration
- **Parananochromis orsorum** Lamboj 2014
  - in honor of Rose and Tony Orso (Vernon, New Jersey, USA), aquarium-fish importers, who helped Lamboj import a number of new cichlid species over the years and donated specimens for scientific research; this provided the initial stimulus to check collections for additional species of *Parananochromis*

**Pelmatochromis** Steindachner 1894
- etymology not explained, presumably *pelmatos*, sole of foot or shoe, but in this case possibly meaning mat, pad or cushion, referring to cushion-like papillosonic pad of mucous membrane on each side of palate of *P. buettikoferi* and *P. (now Tylochromis)* *jentinki*, the character Steindachner used to distinguish this genus (originally a subgenus) from *Paratilapia, chromis*, a name
dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (*Sciaenidae*) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Pelmatochromis buettikoferi** (Steindachner 1894)
in honor of Swiss zoologist Johann Büttikofer (1850-1927), who collected type

**Pelmatochromis nigrofasciatus** (Pellegrin 1900)
*nigro*-, black; *fasciatus*, banded, referring to six large transverse black bars on body, often visible in preserved specimens

**Pelmatochromis ocellifer** Boulenger 1899
*ocellus*, eye spot; *fero*, to bear, referring to large blackish, light-edged ocellus on last spines and anterior soft rays of dorsal fin

**Pelmatolapia Thys van den Audenaerde 1969**
etymology not explained, proposed as a subgenus of *Tilapia* and presumably combining the names of two other tilapiine subgenera recognized by the author, *Pelmatochromis* and *Tilapia*

**Pelmatolapia cabrae** (Boulenger 1899)
in honor of Captain (later Major) Cabra from Kaika Zobé, Angola, who collected type

**Pelmatolapia mariae** (Boulenger 1899)
in honor of writer and explorer Mary Henrietta Kingsley (1862-1900), who "obtained" type

**Pelvicachromis Thys van den Audenaerde 1968**
*pelvica*-, referring to pelvic fins, pointed in males, rounded in females; *chromis*, short for *Pelmatochromis*, proposed as a subgenus of that genus

**Pelvicachromis drachenfelsi** Lamboj, Bartel & Dell’Ampio 2014
in honor of German aquarist Ernst-Otto von Drachenfels, “friend and promoter” of the authors’ research, “without his help this work would not have been possible”

**Pelvicachromis kribensis** (Boulenger 1911)
-*ensis*, suffix denoting place: Kribi River, southern Cameroon, type locality

**Pelvicachromis pulcher** (Boulenger 1901)
beautiful, probably referring to “beautiful rose-colour” below lower lateral line

**Pelvicachromis roloffi** (Thys van den Audenaerde 1968)
in honor of German aquarist Erhard Roloff (1903-1980), who “contributed so much” to the general knowledge of fishes from Sierra Leone, where this cichlid is endemic

**Pelvicachromis sacrimontis** Paulo 1977
*sacrum*, holy; *montis*, mountain, Latin transliteration of surname of German-American neuroethologist Walter Heiligenberg (1938-1994), who specialized in the motivational behaviors of cichlids and crickets (he was killed in the crash of USAir Flight 427 on his way to deliver a lecture at the University of Pittsburgh)

**Pelvicachromis silviae** Lamboj 2013
in honor of Lamboj’s wife Silvia, “as a ‘thank you’ in accepting long absences of mine in mind and body, and in endurance of my usage of many resources for my work. Without her understanding and support, all my works would never have been possible.”

**Pelvicachromis subocellatus** (Günther 1872)
*sub*-, somewhat; *ocellatus*, having little eyes, referring to ocellated spots “present or absent” on middle of anterior soft dorsal-fin rays and upper caudal-fin rays

**Pelvicachromis taeniatus** (Boulenger 1901)
banded, referring to two blackish longitudinal bands on each side

**Perissodus Boulenger 1898**
*perissos*, extraordinary; *odous*, tooth, referring to “extraordinary” dentition of *P. microlepis* (“rather large, unequal in size, few, with swollen bases and low slightly-notched crowns, compressed transversely to the axis of the jaws, disposed in a single series”

**Perissodus eccentricus** Liem & Stewart 1976
eccentric (*ex*- out of; *kentron*, center; i.e., off center), referring to asymmetric teeth and jaws, “strange or unconventional” morphology, and inferred scale-feeding behavior in which individuals can use only one side of mouth to bite scales from prey

**Perissodus elavieae** (Poll 1949)
in honor of Capt. Elavia Nariman, commander of the *Baron Dhanis* during most of the scientific cruises undertaken by the Belgian Hydrobiological Mission (1946-1947), during which type was collected
**Perissodus microlepis** Boulenger 1898  
*micro-*-, small; *lepis*, scale, allusion not explained, presumably referring to its relatively small cycloid scales

**Perissodus multidentatus** (Poll 1952)  
*multi-*-, many; *dentatus*, toothed, referring to having (on average) more teeth than any of its congeners

**Perissodus paradoxus** (Boulenger 1898)  
strange or contrary to expectation, allusion not explained; according to Konings (2015), referring to tooth structure consisting of a single row of 15-20 very large hooked teeth in each jaw

**Perissodus straeleni** (Poll 1948)  
in honor of paleontologist-carcinologist Victor van Straelen (1889-1964), Director, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, and sponsor of the Belgian Hydrobiological Mission to Lake Tanganyika (1946-1947), during which type was collected

**Petrochromis** Boulenger 1898  
*petro-*-, stone, presumably referring to Mbity Rocks, Lake Tanganyika, one of the type localities of *P. polyodon* (members of genus scrape algae from rocks, but Boulenger did not mention this behavior in his initial [abstract] and more-detailed follow-up descriptions); *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*)

**Petrochromis ephippium** Brichard 1989  
saddle, referring to broad saddle-like rectangular light-colored patch under dorsal fin, contrasting with darker body color

**Petrochromis famula** Matthes & Trewavas 1960  
Latin for female slave or maid servant, referring to the following folkloric (presumably African) story: “A certain family who lived in a village where everyone had a crooked mouth, found that neither father, mother, son nor daughter could blow out the candle one night, for they blew either up or down or left or right. So they woke the little serving maid who was from the next village and had a perfectly symmetrical mouth, and she put out the candle - with her little slipper”, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to its symmetrical or nearly symmetrical jaws and/or distinctive dentition of the genus (very broad bands of minute, bristle-like, movable teeth with recurved tricuspid crowns) compared to other cichlids with much narrower tooth bands and fewer tooth rows, thereby making *Petrochromis* among other cichlids like the serving maid among the crooked-mouthed villagers (Max E. Lippitsch, pers. comm.)

**Petrochromis fasciolatus** Boulenger 1914  
banded, referring to blackish vertical bands on body

**Petrochromis horii** Takahashi & Koblmüller 2014  
in honor of fish ecologist Michio Hori, Kyoto University (Japan), who suggested that this fish might represent an undescribed species

**Petrochromis macrognathus** Yamaoka 1983  
*macro-*-, long or large; *gnathus*, jaw, referring to upper jaw, which forwardly projects more than its congeners
**Petrochromis orthognathus** Matthes 1959  
*orthos*, straight; *gnathus*, jaw, allusion not explained, probably referring to its equal jaws (“mâchoires égales”)

**Petrochromis polyodon** Boulenger 1898  
*poly*, many; *odon*, tooth, referring to very broad bands of minute, bristle-like teeth

**Petrochromis trewavasae** Poll 1948  
in honor of Éthelwynn Trewavas (1900–1993), “distinguished curatrix” of fishes at the British Museum (Natural History) and “well-known” specialist in African cichlids (translations)

**Petrotilapia** Trewavas 1935  
combination of *Petrochromis* and *Tilapia*, referring to how its dentition parallels that of the former genus but its relationships are presumed to belong with the latter

**Petrotilapia chrysos** Stauffer & van Snik 1996  
gold, referring to gold coloration of numerous non-territorial males that can be seen in the shallows

**Petrotilapia flaviventris** Lundeba, Stauffer & Konings 2011  
*flavus*, yellow; *ventris*, belly, referring to yellow underside of adult males

**Petrotilapia genalutea** Marsh 1983  
*gena*, cheek; *lutea*, orange, referring to characteristic orange cheeks of adult males

**Petrotilapia microgalana** Ruffing, Lambert & Stauffer 2006  
*micro*-, small; *galanos*, blue, i.e., “small blue,” a provisional name given by Ribbink et al. (1983), referring to size (smallest in genus among species known at the time) and sky-blue coloration of males

**Petrotilapia mumboensis** Lundeba, Stauffer & Konings 2011  
-*ensis*, suffix denoting place: Mumbo Island, Lake Malawi, type locality and where it is very common (also collected at Thumbi West and Mbenji islands)

**Petrotilapia nigra** Marsh 1983  
black, referring to dominant color of territorial males

**Petrotilapia palingnathos** Lundeba, Stauffer & Konings 2011  
*palin*-, back or backwards; *gnathos*, jaw, referring to shorter lower jaw, distinctly backwards (i.e., opposite) from that of its congeners

**Petrotilapia pyroscelos** Lundeba, Stauffer & Konings 2011  
*pyros*, fire; *skelos*, leg, referring to orange pelvic fins of males

**Petrotilapia tridentiger** Trewavas 1935  
*tri*-, three; *dens*, teeth; -*iger*, to bear, presumably referring to how teeth end in expanded tricuspid tips (per Marsh 1983)

**Petrotilapia xanthos** Lundeba, Stauffer & Konings 2011  
yellow, referring to color of breeding males

**Pharyngochromis** Greenwood 1979  
*pharyngo*-, presumably referring to enlarged pharyngeal teeth and/or stouter pharyngeal bone compared to *Chetia*; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromos* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Pharyngochromis acuticeps** (Steindachner 1866)  
*acutus*, sharp; *ceps*, head, referring to its "sharply pointed" (translation) head

**Placidochromis** Eccles & Trewavas 1989  
*placidus*, quiet or placid, referring to how none of its species known at the time (with the probable exception of *P. subocularis*) occur or are adapted for life in swift water; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromos* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Placidochromis acuticeps** Hanssens 2004  
*acutus*, sharp or pointed; *ceps*, head, referring to “angular, pointed” shape of head

**Placidochromis acutirostris** Hanssens 2004  
*acutus*, sharp or pointed; *rostris*, snout, referring to its pointed snout

**Placidochromis argyrogaster** Hanssens 2004  
*argyros*, silver; *gaster*, belly, referring to silvery belly in preserved specimens

**Placidochromis boops** Hanssens 2004  
*bo*, ox; *ops*, eye, referring to its large eyes (34.0–38.2% of HL)
Placidochromis borealis Hanssens 2004
northern, referring to its occurrence in the extreme north of Lake Malawi (Wissman Bay, Tanzania)

Placidochromis chilolae Hanssens 2004
of Chilola Bay, Lake Malawi, Mozambique, type locality

Placidochromis communis Hanssens 2004
general or common, referring to its "unremarkable" appearance

Placidochromis domirae Hanssens 2004
of Domira Bay, Lake Malawi, Malawi, type locality

Placidochromis ecclesi Hanssens 2004
in honor of David H. Eccles (b. 1932), Senior Fisheries Research Officer of Malawi, for his work on the biology, evolution and taxonomy of Lake Malawi cichlids

Placidochromis electra (Burgess 1979)
amber or splendor, i.e., something bright, referring to bright blue of breeding males

Placidochromis elongatus Hanssens 2004
elongate, referring to its body shape

Placidochromis fuscus Hanssens 2004
dark brown or dark, referring to dark melanin pattern in mature males

Placidochromis hennydaviesae (Burgess & Axelrod 1973)
in honor of Henny Davies, wife of Lake Malawi fish exporter Peter Davies; this “husband and wife team has made many new aquarium fishes available” from the lake

Placidochromis intermedius Hanssens 2004
intermediate or middle, referring to its “typical, average” Placidochromis shape

Placidochromis johnstoni (Günther 1894)
in honor of Sir Harry Johnston (1858-1927), British explorer, botanist, linguist and colonial administrator, who “transmitted” central African reptiles, batrachians and fishes to the British Museum (Natural History), including type of this cichlid

Placidochromis koningsi Hanssens 2004
in honor of Adrianus (“Ad”) F. Konings (b. 1956), ichthyologist, cichlid aquarist and publisher, with a particular interest in the cichlids of lakes Malawi and Tanganyika [he also published book in which description appeared]

Placidochromis lineatus Hanssens 2004
striped or lined, referring to its striped melanin pattern

Placidochromis longimanus (Trewavas 1935)
longus, long; manus, hand, presumably referring to its long pectoral fins, ending just past origin of anal fin

Placidochromis longirostris Hanssens 2004
longus, long; rostris, snout, referring to elongate snout

Placidochromis longus Hanssens 2004
long, referring to elongate body shape

Placidochromis lukomae Hanssens 2004
of Lukoma Bay, Lake Malawi, Tanzania, type locality

Placidochromis macroceps Hanssens 2004
macro-, large; ceps, head, referring to larger head than P. longirostris

Placidochromis macrognathus Hanssens 2004
macro-, large; gnathus, jaw, referring to larger mouth compared to most other closely related congeners

Placidochromis mbunoides Hanssens 2004
-oides, having the form of: referring to similar body shape with some mbuna (rock-dwelling) cichlids of Lake Malawi

Placidochromis milomo Oliver 1989
Chichewa word for lips, referring to its greatly hypertrophied lips with fleshy median lobes [coined by Oliver in 1984 but authorship might also involve Eccles and Trewavas, who made name available in 1989]

Placidochromis minor Hanssens 2004
smaller, referring to its small size (48.5-49.0 mm SL)

Placidochromis minutus Hanssens 2004
small, referring to its small size (up to 60.5 mm SL)
Placidochromis msakae Hanssens 2004
of Msaka, Lake Malawi, Malawi, type locality

Placidochromis nigribarbis Hanssens 2004
niger, black; barba, beard, referring to dark-black chin

Placidochromis nkhtatae Hanssens 2004
of Nhata Bay, Lake Malawi, Malawi, type locality

Placidochromis nkhotakotae Hanssens 2004
of Nkhotakota, Lake Malawi, Malawi, only known area of occurrence

Placidochromis obscurus Hanssens 2004
dark, referring to relatively dark melanin pattern in mature males

Placidochromis ordinarius Hanssens 2004
common, referring to its “generalized” appearance

Placidochromis orthognathus Hanssens 2004
orthos, erect; gnathus, jaw, referring to its strongly upward gape

Placidochromis pallidus Hanssens 2004
pale, referring to pale body color

Placidochromis phenochilus (Trewavas 1935)
planeros, evident; cheilos, lip, referring to its white lips, “conspicuous by their pallor”

Placidochromis platyrynchos Hanssens 2004
platys, flat; rhynchos, snout, referring to its wide, horizontally flattened snout

Placidochromis polli (Burgess & Axelrod 1973)
in honor of Belgian ichthyologist Max Poll (1908-1991), for his research on African fishes

Placidochromis rotundifrons Hanssens 2004
rotundus, round or rounded; frons, forehead, referring to its rounded head

Placidochromis trewavasae Hanssens 2004
in honor of Ethelwynn Trewavas (1900-1993), British Museum (Natural History), who worked on cichlid taxonomy from the late 1920s until her death; “By virtue of her work in the 1930s she is considered the founding ‘mother’ of Malawi cichlid taxonomy”

Placidochromis turneri Hanssens 2004
in honor of George Turner, Bangor University (Wales), for nearly 20 years of work on the ecology, ethology, taxonomy, and evolution of Lake Malawi cichlids; in addition, his 1996 book on the offshore cichlids of Lake Malawi is an “important contribution to the taxonomic knowledge of the non-mbuna cichlids”

Placidochromis vulgaris Hanssens 2004
common, referring to its “typical, ordinary Placidochromis” appearance

Platytaeniodus Boulegger 1906
platy, broad; taenia, band; odont, tooth, referring to jaws with “very broad bands” of conical teeth

Platytaeniodus degeni Boulegger 1906
in honor of Swiss ornithologist Edward Degen (1852-1922), who has rendered “signal service to African Ichthyology” as a collector of fishes, including type of this one [extinct in wild]

Protomelas Eccles & Trewavas 1989
protos, primary; melas, black, referring to its plesiomorphic melanin pattern

Protomelas annectens (Regan 1922)
linking or joining, referring to how this species “connects” Cyrtocara venusta (= Nimbochromis venustus) with C. moorii, its presumed congener at the time

Protomelas fenestra (Trewavas 1935)
windowed, referring to mutually crossing bars and stripes on sides, reminiscent of a latticed window

Protomelas insignis (Trewavas 1935)
well-marked, allusion not explained, possibly referring to its plesiomorphic melanin pattern

Protomelas kirkii (Günther 1894)
in honor of John Kirk (1832-1922), Scottish physician, naturalist and explorer, who presented specimens to the British Museum (Natural History), including fishes from Lake Malawi (but not this one)

Protomelas labridens (Trewavas 1935)
Labrus, wrasse (Labridae); dens, teeth, referring to its wrasse-like thick lips and enlarged pharyngeal dentition (Eccles & Trewavas 1989)
Protomelas macrodon Ecclcs 1989

*macro*-, large; *odon*, tooth, referring to its greatly enlarged pharyngeal teeth

Protomelas marginatus marginatus (Trewavas 1935)

bordered, allusion not explained; per Konings (2008), referring to light-colored margin of unpaired fins of type material

Protomelas marginatus vuae (Trewavas 1935)

of Vua, near north end of Lake Malawi, type locality

Protomelas ornatus (Regan 1922)

decorated, presumably referring to its markings: five dark spots at base of dorsal fin alternating with a series of spots above middle of side, two dark bars across upper half of caudal peduncle, and series of spots on dorsal and caudal fins

Protomelas pleurotaenia (Boulenger 1901)

*pieuro*-, side; *taenia*, band, referring to blackish lateral stripe

Protomelas similis (Regan 1922)

similar, described as having same color as *P. kirkii*

Protomelas spilonotus (Trewavas 1935)

*spilos*, spot; *notos*, back, presumably referring to five black spots at dorsal-fin base

Protomelas spilopterus (Trewavas 1935)

*spilos*, spot; *pterus*, fin, referring to two series of oval, yellow spots on anal fin of males (eggspots)

Protomelas taeniolatus taeniolatus (Trewavas 1935)

taeniola, diminutive of *taenia*, stripe, i.e., with small stripes, referring to rather dark, narrow transverse stripes usually evident on sides

Protomelas taeniolatus dejunctus Stauffer 1993

separated, referring to its "restricted" distribution (Chinyamwezi and Chinyankwazi islands, Lake Malawi)

Protomelas triaenodon (Trewavas 1935)

triaena, trident; *odon*, tooth, referring to its mostly tricuspid outer teeth

Protomelas virgatus (Trewavas 1935)

striped, allusion not explained; according to Konings (2010), referring to basic melanin pattern in alcohol

Pseudocrenilabrus Fowler 1934

*pseudo*-, false, i.e., although this genus may be "superficially somewhat similar" to the wrasse genus *Crenilabrus (=Symphodus)*, such an appearance is false

Pseudocrenilabrus multicolor (Schöller 1903)

*multi*-, many, referring to diverse coloration as described from aquarium specimens (e.g., upper sides and back a “bright copper purple,” lower sides white, scales with a nacreous iridescence, breeding males a “magnificent, sky blue iridescent coloring” with a vermillion blotch on tip of anal fin), and/or to how it changes color “in fear or in anger,” becoming gray-green with black longitudinal and horizontal stripes (translations)

Pseudocrenilabrus nicholsi (Pellegrin 1928)

in honor of John Treadwell Nichols (1883-1958), curator of fishes at the American Museum of Natural History, who described this cichlid as *Paratilapia centralis* in 1928 but used a preoccupied name (*P. ventralis* Boulenger 1898)

Pseudocrenilabrus philander (Weber 1897)

*philos*, friend or lover; *andros*, of man or men, i.e., “friend of man” but often interpreted as “loving man” (a philanderer, to engage in many love affairs), allusion not explained; since Weber described this cichlid as a mouthbrooder, in which a parent (Weber did not mention which sex) carries fry in his or her mouth, Weber may have been alluding to the opossum genus *Philander* (or to a particular opossum species, *Caluromys philander*), marsupials in which mothers carry their young in pouches and then on their backs (Jubb, *Freshwater Fishes of Southern Afrika* [1967], suggested that the name refers to its polygamous tendencies, but since Weber did not describe such behavior, this interpretation is highly doubtful)

Pseudosimochromis Nelissen 1977

*pseudo*-, false, i.e., although this genus may resemble *Simochromis* (with its only species at the time, *P. curvifrons*, previously included in it), such an appearance is false

Pseudosimochromis babaulti (Pellegrin 1927)

in honor of French explorer, naturalist and conservationist Guy Babault (1888-ca. 1932), who collected type

Pseudosimochromis curvifrons (Poll 1942)

curvi-, curved; *frons*, forehead, referring to the “strongly sloping” (translation) profile of its large and rounded head
*Pseudosimochromis margaretae* (Axelrod & Harrison 1978)
in honor of Margaret Mary Smith (1916-1987), first director of the J.L.B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology (now the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity); “In addition to the enormous task of continuing her late husband’s work and administering the Smith Institute, Mrs. Smith has found the time to advise and encourage the graduate students at the Institute and take an active interest in their research.” [senior author is Glen S. Axelrod, nephew of pet-book publisher Herbert R. Axelrod]

*Pseudosimochromis marginatus* (Poll 1956)
margined or bordered, referring to black submarginal band on dorsal fin

*Pseudotropheus* Regan 1922
* pseudo-, false, i.e., although *P*. (now *Tropheops*) *tropheops* “bears a great superficial resemblance” to *Tropheus*, such an appearance is false

*Pseudotropheus benetos* (Bowers & Stauffer 1997)
Greek for blue, referring to color of adult males

*Pseudotropheus brevis* (Trewavas 1935)
short, allusion not explained; according to Tawil (2013), possibly referring to its relatively deep (and therefore shorter lengthwise) body since it is otherwise one of the largest members of the mbuna species group

*Pseudotropheus crabo* (Ribbink & Lewis 1982)
Latin for hornet, referring to its hornet- or wasp-like pattern of yellow and black bars

*Pseudotropheus cyaneorhabdos* (Bowers & Stauffer 1997)
cyano-, blue; *rhabdos*, rod, stick or staff (i.e., stripe), referring to blue horizontal stripe in adults

*Pseudotropheus elegans* Trewavas 1935
elegant, fine or select, allusion not explained, presumably referring to Trewavas’ opinion of its appearance

*Pseudotropheus fuscus* Trewavas 1935
dark or swarthy, referring to its uniformly dark coloration

*Pseudotropheus galanos* Stauffer & Kellogg 2002
Greek for blue, referring to blue highlights along lateral sides of both males and females

*Pseudotropheus interruptus* (Johnson 1975)
referring to interrupted horizontal midlateral stripe of adult males

*Pseudotropheus johnnii* Eccles 1973
German variant of the name John, in memory of John Johns, a collector of Lake Malawi fishes for the aquarium trade

*Pseudotropheus lanisticola* Burgess 1976
*lanisti*, from the snail genus *Lanistes*; *-cola*, dweller or inhabitant, referring to its living in the empty shells of that snail

*Pseudotropheus livingstonii* (Boulenger 1899)
in honor of Scottish missionary and explorer in Africa, David Livingstone (1813-1873), who collected type

*Pseudotropheus lucerna* Trewavas 1935
lamp, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to its bright appearance

*Pseudotropheus perileucos* (Bowers & Stauffer 1997)
peri-, around; *leuco*, white, i.e., white-edged, referring to white lappets on black dorsal fin of adult males

*Pseudotropheus perspicax* (Trewavas 1935)
clear-seeing, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to larger eyes compared to *Melanochromis melanopterus*, its presumed congener (described in the same key) at the time

*Pseudotropheus purpuratus* Johnson 1976
wearing purple, referring to most conspicuous color of males

*Pseudotropheus tursiops* Burgess & Axelrod 1975
alluding to the marine bottlenose dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus*; this cichlid’s snout, with a conspicuous notch at level of nostrils, is “somewhat similar” to that of the dolphin

*Pseudotropheus williamsi* (Günther 1884)
in honor of Anglican missionary Joseph A. Williams (d. 1895), who collected several cichlids from Lake Malawi, including type of this one [Williams drowned, along with Bishop Chauncy Maples, when their small boat capsized during a storm and sank in Lake Malawi]

*Pterochromis* Trewavas 1973
* ptero-, fin, presumably referring to fins with elongated rays; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852
**Pterochromis congicus** (Boulenger 1897)
-icus, belonging to: referring to its occurrence in the upper Congo River, Democratic Republic of Congo

**Pundamilia Seehausen & Lippitsch 1998**

*Pundamilia*, Kishwahili word meaning "striped horse" (i.e., zebra), referring to distinct vertical bars permanently displayed in most species

**Pundamilia azurea** Seehausen & Lippitsch 1998

latinization of the French *azura* (blue), referring to iridescent blue body coloration

**Pundamilia igneopinnis** Seehausen & Lippitsch 1998

igneus, flame; pinnas, fin, referring to bright-orange fins surrounding deep-black body, resembling a piece of burning coal

**Pundamilia nyererei** (Witte-Maas & Witte 1985)
in honor of Mwalimu (Teacher) Julius Nyerere (1922-1999), President (1961-1985) of Tanzania, where this cichlid occurs in Lake Victoria

**Pundamilia pundamilia** Seehausen & Bouton 1998

*Pundamilia*, Kishwahili word meaning "striped horse" (i.e., zebra), referring to conspicuous and diagnostic black-and-white stripe pattern of males

**Pungu Trewavas 1972**

Barombi name for this cichlid at Lake Barombi-Mbo, Cameroon, where it is endemic [replacement name for *Barombia* Trewavas 1962, preoccupied in insects]

**Pungu maclareni** (Trewavas 1962)
in memory P. I. R. MacLaren (d. 1957), who used his position as Fisheries Development Officer of Nigeria to collect fishes for the British Museum, including type of this cichlid (from Cameroon) in 1948 (he was killed by a crocodile)

**Pyxichromis Greenwood 1980**

*pyx*, later form of *pyge*, rump, referring to rump-like protuberance of nuchal musculature, and, “punningly, to the gnome-like physiognomy of the known species”; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Pyxichromis orthostoma** (Regan 1922)

orthos, straight; stoma, mouth, presumably referring to its “very oblique” mouth

**Pyxichromis paradoxus** Lippitsch & Kaufman 2003
counter to expectation, referring to strange appearance of its strongly oblique gape and lower jaw, and to its “seemingly paradoxical zoogeographical situation,” in which congeners occur in lakes Edward, Victoria and Kyoga even though Lake Victoria dried out 17,300 years ago and refilled 2,600 years later, after which and all of its haplochromine cichlids evolved *in situ*

**Pyxichromis parorthostoma** (Greenwood 1967)

para-, near, referring to its “great” overall similarity to *P. orthostoma*, particularly their concave dorsal head profiles

**Reganochromis Whittley 1929**
in honor of ichthyologist Charles Tate Regan (1878-1943), Natural History Museum (London), who proposed this genus in 1920 but used a preoccupied name (*Leptochromis* Bleeker 1875, = *Pseudochromis* Rüppell 1835, *Pseudochromidae*);

*chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Reganochromis calilurus** (Boulenger 1901)

cali-, beautiful; aura, tail, referring to 4-5 black bars across caudal fin

**Rhamphochromis Regan 1922**
rhamphos, beak, referring to “produced” snout of *R. longiceps*; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Rhamphochromis brevis** Trewavas 1935

short, referring to its relatively deep body form (Eccles & Trewavas 1989)

**Rhamphochromis esox** (Boulenger 1908)

esox, pike, probably referring to its pike-like body and strongly compressed head
**Rhamphochromis ferox** Regan 1922
ficere, presumably referring to appearance of “prominent” chin and “strong” teeth (species is actually small and delicate looking, not a massive piscivore)

**Rhamphochromis longiceps** (Günther 1864)
*longus*, long; *ceps*, head, referring to elongate snout and head

**Rhamphochromis woodi** Regan 1922
in honor of Rodney C. Wood, who presented to the British Museum (Natural History) a “very fine collection” of Lake Malawi cichlids from hauls brought in by local fishermen, including type of this one

**Sargochromis** Regan 1920
*sargus*, Greek name of White Seabream, *Diplodus sargus* (Spariformes: Sparidae), allusion not explained, perhaps referring to superficial resemblance between the two genera; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chroemo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) *mossambicus* Peters 1852

**Sargochromis carlottae** (Boulenger 1905)
in honor of “Mrs. Sclater,” wife of zoologist William Lutley Sclater (1863-1944), Director, South African Museum, who presented type to the British Museum; her name was Charlotte, not Carlotta, as suggested by Boulenger’s spelling

**Sargochromis codringtonii** (Boulenger 1908)
in honor of Thomas Codrington (1829-1918), engineer and antiquarian, who, while visiting his son, Robert Codrington (1869-1908), Colonial Administrator of N.W. Rhodesia (now Zambia), “availed himself of the exceptional facilities afforded him to make a very valuable collection of the fishes, which he has presented to the British Museum,” including type of this cichlid

**Sargochromis coulteri** (Bell-Cross 1975)
in honor of G. W. Coulter, formerly Senior Fisheries Research Officer, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and National Parks of the Government of Zambia (although this cichlid occurs in Angola and Namibia)

**Sargochromis giardi** (Pellegrin 1903)
in honor of “professeur” Giard, probably zoologist Alfred Mathieu Giard (1846-1908), a contemporary of Pellegrin

**Sargochromis greenwoodi** (Bell-Cross 1975)
in honor of Peter Humphry Greenwood (1927-1995), Curator of the Fish Section of the British Museum (Natural History), who has been “particularly helpful” to Bell-Cross in his work on *Haplochromis* (original genus)

**Sargochromis mellandi** (Boulenger 1905)
in honor of Frank H. Melland (1879-1939), explorer and big-game hunter, who collected a series of fishes from Lake Bangweulu, Zambia, including type of this one

**Sargochromis mortimeri** (Bell-Cross 1975)
in honor of M. A. E. Mortimer, former Chief Fisheries Officer of the Zambian Department of Wildlife, Fisheries

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and National Parks, who has “contributed much” to our knowledge of Zambian fishes; with Mortimer’s encouragement, Bell-Cross’ work on *Haplochromis* (original genus) would not have been possible.

*Sargochromis thysi* (Poll 1967)
in honor of colleague Dirk Thys van den Audenaerde (b. 1934), ichthyologist and Director at the Musée Royal de l’Afrique Centrale (Tervuren, Belgium)

*Sarotherodon Rüppell 1852*
sarothron, brush; odon, tooth, referring to fine, brush-like teeth in jaws that are flexible to the touch, compared to coarser and fixed teeth of *Tilapia*

*Sarotherodon caroli* (Holly 1930)
patronym not identified, nor can identity be inferred from available information

*Sarotherodon caudomarginatus* (Boulenger 1916)
caudo-, tail; marginatus, edged or bordered, referring to broad black edge of caudal fin

*Sarotherodon galilaeus galilaeus* (Linnaeus 1758)
-eus, adjectival suffix: referring to Sea of Galilee (Lake Tiberias), Israel, type (now lost) locality (also occurs in Syria, Jordan, and northern and central Africa)

*Sarotherodon galilaeus borkuana* (Pellegrin 1919)
-borkuana, belonging to: Borkou, a region in central Africa, mostly in northern Chad, type locality

*Sarotherodon galilaeus boulengeri* (Pellegrin 1903)
in honor of ichthyologist-herpetologist George A. Boulenger (1858-1937), for describing so many “new and interesting” species from the Congo basin, and for the “kindness with which he welcomed” Pellegrin in London the previous year (translations)

*Sarotherodon galilaeus multifasciatus* (Günter 1903)
-multi-, many; fasciatus, banded, referring to 8-9 “well-marked” black crossbands on body of young specimens, the narrower bands disappearing until there are only five on adults

*Sarotherodon galilaeus sanagaensis* (Thys van den Audenaerde 1966)
-sanagaensis, suffix denoting place: Sanaga River system, Cameroon, where type was purchased from a fisherman (and only known area of occurrence)

*Sarotherodon knauerae Neumann, Stiassny & Schliewen 2011*
in honor of Barbara Knauer, former technician at the Max Planck Society (Seewiesen, Germany), who “substantially supported [the third author] as a technician and friend” during his Ph.D. studies

*Sarotherodon lamprechtii Neumann, Stiassny & Schliewen 2011*
in honor of Jürg Lamprecht (1941-2000), who worked for his Ph.D. on haplotilapiine cichlids, and who supported the third author as a mentor, teacher and friend at the Max Planck Society (Seewiesen, Germany), and the first author as a teacher

*Sarotherodon linnellii* (Lönnberg 1903)
in honor of Lönnberg’s friend Gunnar Linnell, a Swedish plantation owner in Cameroon, who sent a collection of fishes and crustaceans from that country, including type of this cichlid

*Sarotherodon lohbergeri* (Holly 1930)
in honor of Karl Lohberger; presumably Holly’s colleague at Naturhistorisches Staatsmuseum (Vienna); Lohberger published six papers on fishes (1929-1930) and then dropped from the ichthyological record

*Sarotherodon melanotheron melanotheron* Rüppell 1852
melanos, black; antheroon, chin, referring to variably intense black markings on lower jaw of adults

*Sarotherodon melanotheron heudeletii* (Duméril 1861)
in honor of Jean-Pierre Heudelot (1802-1837), French botanist and explorer in West Africa, who collected type

*Sarotherodon melanotheron leonensis* (Thys van den Audenaerde 1971)
-leonis, suffix denoting place: Sierra Leone, type locality (also occurs in Liberia)

*Sarotherodon mvogo* (Thys van den Audenaerde 1965)
in honor of hydrobiologist Léon Mvogo, Station de Pisciculture de Melen (Yaounde, Cameroon), who collected type

*Sarotherodon nigripinnis nigripinnis* (Guichenot 1861)
nigri-, black; pinnis, fin, referring to “dark blackish brown” (translation) fins

*Sarotherodon nigripinnis dolloi* Boulenger 1899
in honor of “learned” colleague, Belgian paleontologist Louis Dollo (1857-1931)

*Sarotherodon occidentalis* (Daget 1962)
western, presumably referring to type locality in western Guinea, near the western coast of Africa (also occurs in Liberia and Sierra Leone)
**Sarotherodon steinbachi** (Trewavas 1962)
in honor of entomologist Gerhard Steinbach (1923-2016), Humboldt University of Berlin, part of the expedition, led by zoologist Martin Eisentraut (see *Konia eisentrauti*), during which type was collected

**Sarotherodon tournieri tournieri** (Daget 1965)
in honor of Jean-Luc Tournier (1907-1985), Director of Scientific Research in Ivory Coast, where type locality (Cavally River at border with Liberia) is situated

**Sarotherodon tournieri liberiensis** (Thys van den Audenaerde 1971)
-ensis, suffix denoting place: Liberia, type locality (also occurs in Ivory Coast)

**Schubotzia** Boulenger 1914
-ia, belonging to: zoologist Johann G. Hermann Schubotz (1881-1955), who collected many fishes (including type of *S. eduardiana*) as a member of the Deutsche Zentral-Afrika Expedition (1907-1908), and who edited publication in which description appeared

**Schubotzia eduardiana** Boulenger 1914

**Schwetzochromis** Poll 1948

**Sciaenochromis** Eccles & Trewavas 1989

**Sciaenochromis psammophilus** Konings 1993

**Serranochromis** Regan 1920

**Serranochromis altus** Winemiller & Kelso-Winemiller 1991

**Serranochromis angusticeps** (Boulenger 1907)

**Serranochromis janus** Trewavas 1964

**Serranochromis longimanus** (Boulenger 1911)
**Serranochromis macrocephalus** (Boulenger 1899)
*macro-* , long or large; *cephalus* , referring to larger head compared to *S. robustus*, its presumed closest congener

**Serranochromis meridianus** Jubb 1967
*-anus*, belonging to: *meridies*, south, referring to distribution relative to congeners

**Serranochromis robustus robustus** (Günther 1864)
full-bodied or stout, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to body shape compared to other species of *Hemichromis* (original genus) described in same paper

**Serranochromis robustus jallae** Boulenger 1896
in honor of Rev. Luigi (Louis) David Jalla (1860-1943), Paris Missionary Society, who collected type

**Serranochromis spei** Trewavas 1964
in honor of Service Piscicole d’Elizabethville (SPE) [Elizabethville is now Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo]; also Latin for hope, referring to "hope for the future of African fishery research, management and conservation" [italics in original]

**Serranochromis stappersi** Trewavas 1964
in honor of physician-biologist Louis Stappers (1883-1916), head of the Belgian mission to the Congo, who collected type in 1911

**Serranochromis thumbergi** (Castelnau 1861)
patronym not identified, possibly in honor of Swedish naturalist Carl Peter Thunberg (note spelling, 1743-1828), who traveled through southern Africa in 1772-1774 and is regarded as the founder of South African botany

**Simochromis** Boulenger 1898
*simus*, pug- or blunt-nosed, referring to snout “descending in a strong curve”; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromos* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damsels, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*)

**Simochromis diagramma** (Günther 1894)
referring to how “upper profile of the head descending in a curve” reminds one of the grunt genus *Diagramma* (Haemulidae)

**Spathodus** Boulenger 1900
*spathe*, a broad blade or paddle used for stirring or mixing (i.e., a spatula); *odont*, teeth, referring to slender teeth of *S. erythrodon*, cylindrical at their base, spatulate at their tip

**Spathodus erythrodon** Boulenger 1900
*erythros*, red; *odon*, tooth, referring to deep-red coloration of teeth (found in all eretmodine cichlids)

**Spathodus marlieri** Poll 1950
in honor of Belgian zoologist Georges Marlier, director of IRSAC (Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale) on Lake Tanganyika, who collected type

**Steatocranus** Boulenger 1899
*steatos*, fat; *cranus*, helmet or head, referring to well-developed hump on head of dominant males of *S. gibbiceps* (seen in most congeners too)

**Steatocranus bleheri** Meyer 1993
in honor of explorer and ornamental-fish wholesaler and supplier Heiko Bleher (b. 1944), who collected type

**Steatocranus casuarius** Poll 1939
etymology not explained but almost certainly referring to cassowary birds (genus *Casuarius*, from the Malay name *kasuari*), which, like males of this cichlid, have a large hump on the head

**Steatocranus gibbiceps** Boulenger 1899
*gibbus*, hump; *ceps*, head, referring to well-developed hump on head of dominant males

**Steatocranus glaber** Roberts & Stewart 1976
bald or smooth, referring to scaleless head hump, a character that “does not uniquely distinguish this fish from other *Steatocranus*, but it is still appropriately descriptive for this fish” (Donald J. Stewart, pers. comm.)

**Steatocranus irvinei** (Trewavas 1943)
in honor of botanist and science teacher Frederick Robert Irvine (1898-1962), later (1947) author of *The Fishes and Fisheries of the Gold Coast* (now called Ghana), who collected type

**Steatocranus mpozoensis** Roberts & Stewart 1976
*ensis*, suffix denoting place: Mpozo River, Democratic Republic of Congo, type locality

**Steatocranus rouxi** (Pellegrin 1928)
in honor of Swiss herpetologist Jean Roux (1876-1939), curator, Natural History Museum of Basel, who “kindly
entrusted” (translation) Pellegrin to examine fishes from the museum's collection, including type of this cichlid

**Steatocranus tinanti** (Poll 1939)
in honor of André Tinant (1901-1940), who collected fishes in the Belgian Congo, including type of this one

**Steatocranus ubanguiensis** Roberts & Stewart 1976
-ensis, suffix denoting place: Ubangi River system, Central African Republic, where type locality (Mbomou River) is situated

**Stigmatochromis** Eccles & Trewavas 1989
stigma, spot, referring to small suprapectoral spot below upper lateral line, small supra-anal spot between the lateral lines, and spot at end of caudal peduncle; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from chromo (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Stigmatochromis macrorhynchos** Stauffer, Cleaver-Yoder & Konings 2011
macro-, long; rhynchus, snout, referring to its elongated snout

**Stigmatochromis melanchros** Stauffer, Cleaver-Yoder & Konings 2011
melas, black; kros, skin or surface of body, referring to overall black color of breeding males

**Stigmatochromis modestus** (Günther 1894)
modest or unassuming, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to uniform brownish-black coloration

**Stigmatochromis pholidophorus** (Trewavas 1935)
pholis, scale or spot; pherein, to have or bear, presumably referring to five blackish spots at base of dorsal fin, two on upper caudal peduncle, large black spot below upper lateral line, another between the lateral lines, and a third at end of caudal peduncle

**Stigmatochromis pleurospilus** (Trewavas 1935)
pleuro-, side; spilos, spot, referring to small suprapectoral spot below upper lateral line, small supra-anal spot between the lateral lines, and a spot at end of caudal peduncle

**Stigmatochromis woodi** (Regan 1922)
in honor of Rodney C. Wood, who presented to the British Museum (Natural History) a “very fine collection” of Lake Malawi cichlids from hauls brought in by local fishermen, including type of this one

**Stomatepia** Trewavas 1962
stomatus, mouthed, referring to large mouth of *S. mariae*; epia, local Bantu word for tilapiine fishes

**Stomatepia mariae** (Holly 1939)
matronym not explained, perhaps in honor of Holly’s mother-in-law Maria Adolfine Sperat, whom he honored with the bagrid catfish name *Sperata* in 1939, noting how she had supported Holly’s studies with “great understanding” or “sympathy” (depending on the translation)

**Stomatepia mongo** Trewavas 1972
Barombi name for this cichlid at Lake Barombi-Mbo, Cameroon, where it is endemic

**Stomatepia pindu** Trewavas 1972
Barombi name for this cichlid at Lake Barombi-Mbo, Cameroon, where it is endemic

**Taeniochromis** Eccles & Trewavas 1989
taenia, band, referring to continuous midlateral stripe running from snout to caudal-fin base; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from chroemo (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Taeniochromis holotaenia** (Regan 1922)
holo-, entire; taenia, band, referring to midlateral stripe running entire length of body, from snout to caudal-fin base

**Taeniolethrinops** Eccles & Trewavas 1989
taenia, band, referring to oblique band from nape to caudal-fin base; Lethrinops, presumably referring to previous places of its species (except *T. praeorbitalis*) in that genus

**Taeniolethrinops cyortonus** (Trewavas 1931)
kyrtos, arched; notos, back, referring to its “highly arched dorsal outline”

**Taeniolethrinops furcicauda** (Trewavas 1931)
furca-, fork; cauda, tail, referring to its “deeply emarginate” caudal fin

**Taeniolethrinops laticeps** (Trewavas 1931)
latus, wide or broad; cepa, head, allusion not explained, presumably referring to wide mouth and head
Taeniolethrinops macrorhynchus (Regan 1922)  
macro-, long; rhynchus, snout, referring to preorbital bone (snout) longer than postorbital part of head

Taeniolethrinops praeorbitalis (Regan 1922)  
pre-, in front; orbitalis, eye socket, referring to preorbital bone (snout) longer than postorbital part of head

Tangachromis Poll 1981  
tanga, referring to Lake Tanganyika, where it is endemic; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from chroemo (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following Chromis (now Oreochromis) mossambicus Peters 1852

Tangachromis dhanisi (Poll 1949) in memory of Baron Dhanis, the “nice” (translation) boat that transported Poll and his team around Lake Tanganyika during expedition that collected type

Tanganicodus Poll 1950  
Tangani-, referring to Lake Tanganyika, where it is endemic; -odus, tooth, but in this case referring to its relationship with other erotmodine cichlids, Eretmodus and Spathodus

Tanganicodus irsacae Poll 1950 of IRSAC (Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale), which supported Poll’s research at Lake Tanganyika

Teleogramma Boulenger 1899  
teleos, complete; grammus, line, referring to its uninterrupted lateral line (which misled Boulenger into believing it was a labrid, not a cichlid)

Teleogramma brichardi Poll 1959 in honor of aquarium-fish exporter Pierre Brichard (1921-1990), who collected type in the rapids near Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Teleogramma depressa Roberts & Stewart 1976 depressed, referring to more flattened head and body compared to congeners, and perhaps to any known cichlid species

Teleogramma gracile Boulenger 1899 slender, referring to its elongate, compressed body

Teleogramma monogramma (Pellegrin 1927) mono-, one; grammus, line, referring to its complete lateral line, a “very interesting peculiarity” (translation) among cichlids, most of which have an interrupted lateral line

Teleogramma obamaorum Stiassny & Alter 2015 in honor of U.S. President Barack Obama (b. 1961) and First Lady Michelle Obama (b. 1964), for their “commitment to science education, development, gender equality, and self-reliance for all peoples of African nations, and their dedication to environmental conservation in Africa and beyond”

Telmatochromis Boulenger 1898  
telmatus, etymology not explained, perhaps swampy (although genus does not occur in swamps) or muddy, perhaps referring to brownish colors of T. temporalis and T. vittatus in alcohol; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from chroemo (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following Chromis (now Oreochromis) mossambicus Peters 1852

Telmatochromis bifrenatus Myers 1936  
br-, two; frenatus, bridled, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to three dark-brown lines or bars, forming a bridle-like appearance, near each eye: (1) extending from lower third of eye back through opercular point, (2) extending forward from each eye and meeting in front of head, (3) connecting lower part of each eye with mouth

Telmatochromis brachygнатhus Hanssens & Snoeks 2003  
brachy, short; gnathus, jaw, referring to smaller mouth compared to the similar T. temporalis

Telmatochromis brichardi Louisy 1989 in honor of aquarium-fish exporter Pierre Brichard (1921-1990), for his “considérable” contributions to the knowledge of the fishes of Lake Tanganyika, where this cichlid is endemic

Telmatochromis dhonti (Boulenger 1919) in honor of G. Dhont-De Bie, Belgian East African Expeditionary Force, who collected type

Telmatochromis macrolepis (Borodin 1931)  
macro-, large; lepis, scale, referring to larger scales than Julidochromis ornatus, its presumed congener at the time

Telmatochromis temporalis Boulenger 1898 allusion not explained, perhaps referring to its orange temporal band (per Boulenger 1906)
**Telmatochromis vittatus** Boulenger 1898
banded, referring to a brown lateral stripe from upper lip, through eye, to base of caudal fin (where it expands into a spot), and another dark brown stripe from vertex along base of dorsal fin

**Thoracochromis Greenwood 1979**
*thorax*, breastplate, referring to “small and clearly size-demarcated scales” on thoracic region; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chrono* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damsels, dotties, and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Thoracochromis albopictus** (Trewavas & Thys van den Audenaerde 1969)
*albus*, white; *labrum*, lip, allusion not explained nor evident, perhaps referring to pale color of its thick lips in alcohol

**Thoracochromis buysi** (Penrith 1970)
in honor of P. J. Buys, State Museum (Windhoek, Namibia), who collected type

**Thoracochromis callichromus** (Poll 1948)
kallos, beautiful; *chroma*, color, probably the most colorful cichlid in the Fwa River, Democratic Republic of Congo

**Thoracochromis wingatii** (Boulenger 1902)
in honor of Reginald Wingate (1861-1953), Sirdar (commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Army) and Governor-General of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, “to whose assistance, so kindly granted to Mr. Loat [see *Haplochromis loati*] on his journey through the Soudan [former English name for Sudan], the success of this part of the Nile Fish-Survey is in no small measure due”

**Thysochromis Daget 1988**
replacement name for *Thysia* Loiselle & Welcomme 1972 (preoccupied by *Thysia* Thomson 1860 in Coleoptera), originally named in honor of ichthyologist D. Thys van den Audenaerde (b. 1934), for his contribution to the systematics of African cichlids in general and for his work on pelmatochromine cichlids in particular; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chrono* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damsels, dotties, and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Thysochromis ansorgii** (Boulenger 1901)
in honor of explorer William John Ansorge (1850-1913), who collected type

**Tilapia Smith 1840**
latinization of *!api*, !Kung word for fish (“!” pronounced as a click, transcribed as “t”)...
**Tramitichromis intermedius** (Trewavas 1935)
intermediate in form, with the short snout, few gill-rakers, and short pharyngeal blade of *T. brevis*, and the pharyngeal teeth structure of *Lethrinops argenteus* and *L. lethrinus*, its presumed congener at the time.

**Tramitichromis lituris** (Trewavas 1931)
blotted, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to “indefinite patch” on upper lateral line below spinous dorsal fin.

**Tramitichromis trilineatus** (Trewavas 1931)
tri-, three; lineatus, lined, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to three bands or dark streaks: at base of dorsal fin, a parallel streak above or crossing upper lateral line below spinous dorsal fin, and along lower lateral line running forward to head or ending below some part of spinous dorsal fin.

**Tramitichromis variabilis** (Trewavas 1931)
named for its variable melanin pattern, sometimes consisting of an oblique series of spots from nape to caudal-fin base, or sometimes an incomplete oblique band from nape, intersecting the lateral line below posterior part of spinous dorsal fin.

**Trematocara Boulenger 1899**
trema, hole; kara, head, referring to large sensory pores (“muciferous cavities”) on head of *T. marginatum*.

**Trematocara caparti** Poll 1948
in honor of oceanographer André Capart (1914-1991), member of the Belgian Hydrobiological Mission to Lake Tanganyika (1946-1947), during which type was collected.

**Trematocara kufferathi** Poll 1948
in honor of chemist Jean Kufferath, member of the Belgian Hydrobiological Mission to Lake Tanganyika (1946-1947), during which type was collected.

**Trematocara macrostoma** Poll 1952
macro-, long or large; stoma, mouth, referring to very large and deeply cut mouth, the concealed maxillary extending back to center of eye.

**Trematocara marginatum** Boulenger 1899
margined, presumably referring to blackish edges on dorsal and anal fins.

**Trematocara nigritrons** Boulenger 1906
niger, black; frons, forehead, referring to blackish bar across interorbital region.

**Trematocara stigmaticum** Poll 1943
spot or mark, referring to light bluish triangular streak on anterior portion of dorsal fin.

**Trematocara unimaculatum** Boulenger 1901
uni-, one; maculatum, spot, referring to large round black spot on posterior third of spinous dorsal fin.

**Trematocara variabile** Poll 1952
presumably referring to “variable” number (5-8) of hypertrophied sensory channels in the suborbital (decreasing in size when there are 6 or more).

**Trematocara zebra** De Vos, Nshombo & Thys van den Audenaerde 1996
referring to zebra-like dark lines (sometimes spots) on sides.

**Trematochromis Poll 1987**
trema, hole, referring to enlarged cephalic pores clearly visible in head; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromos* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following Chromis (*now Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852.

**Trematochromis benthicola** (Matthes 1962)
benthos, deep or sea-bottom; -cola, dwelling in, referring to habitat in deep sublittoral zone (10-50 m) of Lake Tanganyika, over a rocky bottom.

**Trematocranus Trewavas 1935**
trema, hole; kranos, helmet (i.e., head), referring to enlarged or swollen pore canals of preorbital and orbital bones.

**Trematocranus brevirostris** Trewavas 1935
brevis, short; rostris, snout, referring to its shorter snout compared to *T. microstoma*.

**Trematocranus labifer** (Trewavas 1935)
labi, spot or defect; fer, to bear, presumably referring to opercular spot, four black patches on each side (one on nape, two on upper lateral line, one at end of caudal peduncle).

**Trematocranus microstoma** Trewavas 1935
micro-, small; stoma, mouth, allusion not explained but its mouth appears to be smaller relative to other cichlids.
Trematocranus pachychilus Dierickx, Hanssens, Rusuwa & Snoeks 2018
pachy-, thick; cheilus, lip, referring to its thick and fleshy lips

Trematocranus placodon (Regan 1922)
placo-, plate; odon, tooth, referring to a “large and strong plate bearing large rounded flat teeth” on lower pharyngeal

Triglachromis Poll & Thys van den Audenaerde 1974
Trigla, gurnard genus (Triglidae), referring to finger-like extensions of pectoral fins, similar to three anterior rays of pectoral fins of gurnards; chromis, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from chroemo (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following Chromis (now Oreochromis) mossambicus Peters 1852

Triglachromis otostigma (Regan 1920)
otos, ear; stigma, spot or mark, referring to blue-black opercular spot

Tristramella Trewavas 1942
-ella, diminutive connoting endearment: in honor of Henry Baker Tristram (1822-1906), English clergyman, traveler, ornithologist, and early supporter of Darwinism, who collected Palestinian (region, not the state) cichlids for the British Museum

Tristramella sacra (Günther 1865)
sacred, referring to Lake Tiberias (Sea of Galilee), Israel, type locality, in an area generally known as the “Holy Land”

Tristramella simonis simonis (Günther 1864)
etymology not explained, perhaps genitive singular of Simon, original name of Saint Peter, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, possibly referring to “St. Peter’s Fish,” a Biblical story in which Peter caught a fish from the Sea of Galilee that carried a coin in its mouth; though the passage does not name the fish, many believe it was Sarotherodon galilaeus galilaeus, whereas others suggest it was this species, which has a mouth large enough to accommodate a coin

Tristramella simonis intermedia Steinitz & Ben-Tuvia 1959
etymology not explained, presumably intermediate in form between T. s. simonis and T. s. magdalenae

Tristramella simonis magdalenae Lortet 1883
matronym not explained; since this taxon (now extinct) was known only from lakes Hula and Tiberias (Sea of Galilee) in Israel, the name may refer to Mary Magdalene (or Mary of Magdala), a disciple of Jesus Christ who, according to gospel, witnessed his crucifixion and resurrection, and/or to Magdala, a village on the shore of Lake Tiberias

Tropheops Trewavas 1984
tautonymous with Pseudotropheus trophæops Regan 1922

Tropheops biriwira Li, Konings & Stauffer 2016
Chichewa word for green, referring to greenish color of territorial males

Tropheops gracilior (Trewavas 1935)
comparative of gracilis, slender, referring to more slender body compared to typical examples of T. trophæops

Tropheops kamtambo Li, Konings & Stauffer 2016
Chichewa word for blue, referring to coloration of breeding males

Tropheops kumwera Li, Konings & Stauffer 2016
Chichewa word for south, referring to distribution in southern part of Lake Malawi

Tropheops macrophthalmus (Ahl 1926)
macro-, large; opthalmus, eye, allusion not explained, possibly referring to large size of eye in relation to short head

Tropheops microstoma (Trewavas 1935)
micro-, small; stoma, mouth, referring to its much narrower mouth compared to the similar T. trophæops

Tropheops modestus (Johnson 1974)
modest or unassuming; allusion not explained, perhaps referring to the slight (or modest) differences between it and the similar Chindongo elongatus, its presumed congener at the time

Tropheops novemfasciatus (Regan 1922)
novem, nine; fasciatus, banded, referring to nine dark vertical bars crossing body

Tropheops romandi (Colombé 1979)
in honor of Raymond Romand, Institut de Génétique et Biologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire (Ilkirch-Graffenstaden, France), for his work on African fishes

Tropheops trophæops (Regan 1922)
ops, appearance, referring to how this cichlid “bears a great superficial resemblance” to Tropheus
Tylochromis Regan 1920

*Tylochromis aristoma* Stiassny 1989

- *ari*, large; *stoma*, mouth, referring to prominent lower jaw and large-mouth appearance of adults

*Tylochromis bangwelensis* Regan 1920

- *ensis*, suffix denoting place: Lake Bangwelu, Zambia, type locality

*Tylochromis elongatus* Stiassny 1989

referring to the relatively elongate, gracile body form of adults

*Tylochromis intermedius* (Boulenger 1916)

presumably referring to its scale formula, intermediate between that of *T. jentinki* and *T. lateralis*

*Tylochromis jentinki* (Steindachner 1894)

patronym not identified but almost certainly in honor of Fredericus Anna Jentink (1844-1913), curator at Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie (now Naturalis) in Leiden, Netherlands, and editor of its journal (where description was published)

*Tylochromis labrodon* Regan 1920

*labros*, fierce or greedy; *odon*, tooth, presumably referring to its formidable pharyngeal tooth development (enlarged rounded teeth covering nearly entire pharyngeal plate)

*Tylochromis lateralis* (Boulenger 1898)

of the side, presumably referring to upper lateral line ending below last dorsal-fin rays and/or lower lateral line extending from shoulder to caudal fin, where it culminates in three branches

*Tylochromis leonensis* Stiassny 1989

- *ensis*, suffix denoting place: Sierra Leone, where type locality (Taia River in Njala) is situated

*Tylochromis microdon* Regan 1920

*micro*, small; *odon*, tooth, presumably referring to numerous "small slender" bicuspid teeth on lower pharyngeal

*Tylochromis mylodon* Regan 1920

*mylo*, grinder; *odon*, tooth, referring to molariform ("large, rounded, blunt") teeth on lower pharyngeal

*Tylochromis polyplepis* (Boulenger 1900)

*poly*, many; *lepis*, scale, referring to its high lateral line count (54-59 scales) compared to congeners

*Tylochromis praecox* Stiassny 1989

premature, referring to its "reproductive precocity" (sexual dimorphism of buccal dentition and coloration clearly evident in specimens <100 mm SL)

*Tylochromis pulcher* Stiassny 1989

beautiful, referring to male coloration

*Tylochromis regani* Stiassny 1989

in honor of ichthyologist Charles Tate Regan (1878-1943), Natural History Museum (London), whose “pioneering” work “laid the foundation” for this and many other studies of African freshwater fishes

*Tylochromis robertsi* Stiassny 1989

in honor of ichthyologist Tyson R. Roberts (b. 1940), whose knowledge of African waterways and their fishes has
been of “great value” to this and many other studies of African freshwater fishes

**Tylochromis sudanensis** Daget 1954

-ensis, suffix denoting place: presumably referring to its occurrence in the Sudan, the geographic region to the south of the Sahara, stretching from western to eastern Central Africa

**Tylochromis trewavasae** Stiassny 1989

in honor of Ethelwynn Trewavas (1900-1993), British Museum (Natural History), who “so generously shared her knowledge” of African cichlids with colleagues and students, and who brought this species to Stiassny’s attention

**Tylochromis variabilis** Stiassny 1989

variable, referring to its relatively wide range of body forms and LPJ (lower pharyngeal jaw) development

**Tyrannochromis** Eccles & Trewavas 1989

tyrranuss, tyrant, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to its large size, large mouth, piscivorous diet, and ambush feeding strategy; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Tyrannochromis macrostoma** (Regan 1922)

*macro*-, long or large; *stoma*, mouth, referring to its very large mouth, the maxillary extending to below eye

**Tyrannochromis nigriventer** Eccles 1989

*nigri*-, black; *venter*, belly; according to Konings (2011), Eccles confused this species with his underwater observations of the similar *T. macrostoma*, which indeed has a black belly

**Variabilichromis** Colombé & Allgayer 1985

*variabilis*, variable, referring to how head morphology of *V. moorii* can vary from one side of the head to the other in the same individual; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Variabilichromis moorii** (Boulenger 1898)

in honor of its discoverer, John Edmund Sharrock Moore (1870-1947), cytologist, zoologist and Lake Tanganyika expedition leader

**Wallaceochromis** Lamboj, Trummer & Metscher 2016

in honor of Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), co-founder of the theory of evolution and founder of biogeography; *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Wallaceochromis humilis** (Boulenger 1916)

modest, humble or unassuming, allusion not explained; described as “yellowish” below, perhaps Boulenger was comparing it with the “beautiful rose-colour” of *Pelvicachromis pulcher* (whose name means beautiful), its presumed congener at the time

**Wallaceochromis rubrolabiatus** (Lamboj 2004)

*rubrum*, red; *labiatus*, lipped, referring to red lips of males

**Wallaceochromis signatus** (Lamboj 2004)

marked, referring to black markings on dorsal fin of males and black spot on caudal fin of females

**Xenochromis** Boulenger 1899

*xenos*, strange or foreign (i.e., different), allusion not explained, perhaps referring to unique dentition (small, close-set, compressed recurved teeth in a single series); *chromis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chromo* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselfishes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now *Oreochromis*) mossambicus Peters 1852

**Xenochromis hecqui** Boulenger 1899

in honor of Lieut. Célestin Hecq (1859-1910), who served in the Belgium Forces stationed in the Congo fighting the slave trade and commander of the fort at Albertville (now Mtoa); he collected many fishes from Lake Tanganyika, including type of this one

**Xenotilapia** Boulenger 1899

*xenos*, strange or foreign (i.e., different), allusion not explained, perhaps referring to three (vs. two) lateral lines and/or longer inner (vs. outer) ventral-fin rays of *X. sima*, characters not seen on most other cichlids; *Tilapia*, catch-all genus for African cichlids
Xenotilapia bathyphilus Poll 1956

*bathy*, deep; *philos*, lover (i.e., a noun, lover of the deep), proposed as a subspecies of *X. ochrogenys* collected in deeper waters (down to 100 m compared to 50 m)

Xenotilapia boulengeri (Poll 1942)

in honor of ichthyologist-herpetologist George A. Boulenger (1858-1937), “whose work made known most of the fishes of Lake Tanganyika” (translation)

Xenotilapia burtoni Poll 1951

of Burton Bay, near Tembele, Lake Tanganyika, type locality

Xenotilapia caudafasciata Poll 1951

*cauda*, tail; *fasciatus*, banded, referring to vertical bands in caudal fin of males

Xenotilapia flavipinnis Poll 1985

*flavus*, yellow; *pinnis*, referring to yellowish fins seen on most specimens

Xenotilapia longispinis Poll 1951

*longus*, long; *spinis*, spine, referring to prolonged spines (longer in males) in anterior part of dorsal fin

Xenotilapia nasus De Vos, Risch & Thys van den Audenaerde 1995

long-nosed, referring to its narrow, rounded and prominent snout

Xenotilapia nigroliabiata Poll 1951

*niger*, black; *labiata*, lipped, referring to blackish upper lip of both sexes

Xenotilapia ochrogenys (Boulenger 1914)

*ochro*, yellow; *genys*, chin, referring to bright chin (and lips) seen in some males

Xenotilapia ornatipinnis Boulenger 1901

*ornatus*, decorated; *pinnis*, fin, referring to large blackish or oblique bars on dorsal fin and/or “blackish chevron-shaped band lower down” on caudal fin

Xenotilapia papilio Büscher 1990

butterfly, referring to *Papillon*, a spontaneous name given to it by Büscher’s Congolese companions

Xenotilapia sima Boulenger 1899

flat-nosed, referring to very steep head profile

Xenotilapia singularis (Boulenger 1914)

remarkable or extraordinary, allusion not explained nor evident

Xenotilapia spilopterus Poll & Stewart 1975

*spilos*, mark or blotch; *pteris*, fin, referring to large black blotch on posterior part of spiny dorsal fin in both sexes

Yssichromis Greenwood 1980

*yssos*, javelin, referring to slender, elongate body shape; *chronis*, a name dating to Aristotle, possibly derived from *chreono* (to neigh), referring to a drum (Sciaenidae) and its ability to make noise, later expanded to embrace cichlids, damselﬁshes, dottybacks and wrasses (all perch-like fishes once thought to be related), often used in the names of African cichlid genera following *Chromis* (now Oreochromis) mossambicus Peters 1852

Yssichromis fusiformis (Greenwood & Gee 1969)

fusiform, referring to its slender, elongate body form

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