

PISCES

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Some records are given of fishes, occasional or rare in the area, recently caught in the western part of the English Channel. The nomenclature is that used in the *Plymouth Marine Fauna* (Mar. Biol. Assoc., 1931) based on Duncker, Ehrenbaum, Kyle, Mohr and Schnakenbeck's list in *Die Tierwelt der Nord- und Ostsee* (1925-29). An asterisk indicates species that do not appear in the *Plymouth Marine Fauna*.

Family **Trygonidae**

TRYGON PASTINACA (L.)

One female in trawl on 18. xi. 49 in position Start Point bearing 270°, distant 8 miles.

Family **Myliobatidae**

MYLIOBATIS AQUILA (L.)

One female in trawl on 6. xii. 49 in position Eddystone bearing 115°, distant 6 miles.

Family **Balistidae**

BALISTES CAPRISCUS Gmelin

One caught in lobster store-pot in Fowey Harbour on 8. ix. 49. The pot had been emptied of lobsters the day before and put back in the water with the door open.

Family **Tetrodontidae**

*TETRODON LAGOCEPHALUS L.

One specimen caught by hand in shallow water in Mousehole Harbour (Cornwall) on 21. x. 49. The fish was alive but swimming very feebly and was being attacked by seagulls.

Family **Gadidae**

RANICEPS RANINUS (L.)

One in Agassiz trawl off Plymouth 26. x. 49.

Family **Carangidae**

NAUCRATES DUCTOR (L.)

One in mackerel drift net in position Carn Dhu Point (Cornwall) bearing 010°, distant 24 miles, on 1. vi. 49.

Family **Serranidae**

SERRANUS CABRILLA L.

Five specimens in trawl in position Eddystone bearing 315°, distant 40 miles, on 6. x. 49. One was brought back alive and is still living in the laboratory aquarium.

Family **Sparidae****CANTHARUS LINEATUS** (Montagu)

One in otter trawl off Plymouth on 1. xii. 49. This fish, though rare in the Plymouth area, is not infrequently landed at Newlyn in trawled catches from deeper water on the western fishing grounds.

Family **Scombridae****EUTHYNNUS PELAMYS** (L.)

One specimen, 17 in. long and $2\frac{3}{4}$ lb. weight, caught on 15. ix. 49 in a fixed net in Plymouth Sound.

***SARDA PELAMYS** Brünnich

One specimen 20.5 cm. in length caught in Whitsand Bay on 30. ix. 49; another (31.5 cm.) in a pilchard drift net off Rame Head on 23. xi. 49; a third, off Plymouth, also in a pilchard drift net, on 6. xii. 49.

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