22. *Cichlosoma octofasciatum*, Regan, 1903.

*Hab.* SOUTHERN MEXICO, Río de Sarabia (*Buller*); BRITISH HONDURAS (*Robertson*).

The systematic position of this species is rather doubtful, as the dentition of some specimens is very like that of the more generalized members of the subgenus *Parapetenia*. Other characters seem to indicate relationship with *C. nigrofasciatum*.


*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Río Motagua and Lake Yzabal (*Salvin*).


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26. *Cichlosoma centrarchus*, Gill & Bransf., 1877. (Tab. IV. figg. 1, 1 a.)

*Hab.* Lake NICARAGUA.

Section 3. ASTATHEROS, Pellegr., 1904.

Teeth of the outer series usually rather more numerous and less strongly enlarged anteriorly than in *Theraps*, but in the more specialized forms reduced in number and with the anterior pair in the upper jaw and the two anterior pairs in the lower strongly enlarged. The maxillary never extends beyond the vertical from the anterior edge of the eye; the premaxillary spines measure from a little less than \( \frac{2}{3} \) to slightly more than \( \frac{1}{2} \) the length of head; the upper profile of the snout is straight and oblique. The body is rather deep (depth \( 1 \frac{1}{4} \) to \( 2 \frac{1}{2} \) in the length). The dorsal fin has XIV–XVII 10–15 rays and is more or less scaly at the base posteriorly; the anal has V–VIII 8–10 rays; the pectoral is usually elongate (in *C. heterodontum* and *C. altifrons* it extends to above the origin of the anal, in the other species it is longer); the caudal is subtruncated, rounded, or slightly emarginate with rounded lobes. The gill-rakers are usually more numerous than in most other species of the genus (usually 11 to 13 on the lower part of the anterior arch, but only 9 or 10 in *C. citrinellum*, 9 in *C. lobochilus*, 8 in *C. erythraemum*).

Eleven species from Southern Mexico and Central America, one ranging into Colombia.

**Synopsis of the Species.**

I. Lips normal; anterior teeth not strongly enlarged.

A. Fourth to sixth dorsal spines longer than the rest.

D. XVI 10–11. A. VI 8–9. 11 or 12 gill-rakers on the lower part of anterior arch.
Pectoral extending to above the middle of anal ........................................ 27. *robertsoni*.
Pectoral extending to the posterior end of anal ........................................ 28. *longimanus*.