33 to 36 scales in a longitudinal series. Dorsal 15–18; origin equidistant from tip of snout and base of caudal or a little nearer the latter. Anal 15–17; origin below the middle of dorsal. Pectoral nearly \( \frac{3}{4} \) the length of head, extending beyond the base of ventral. Caudal truncate. Olivaceous; a series of 7 to 10 dark brown spots or short vertical bars along the middle of the side.

*Hab.* Mexico, Lake Chapala¹².

Here described from several specimens, measuring up to 75 mm. in total length.

3. *Characodon variatus*.


*Characodon ferrugineus*, Bean, t. c. p. 372, t. 20, figs. 3 & 4⁴.  


Depth of body about 3 in the length, length of head 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 3\( \frac{1}{4} \). Snout as long as eye, the diameter of which is 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 4 in the length of head; interorbital width 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) in the length of head. 32 to 36 scales in a longitudinal series. Dorsal 12–14; origin equidistant from tip of snout and end of caudal fin. Anal 14–17; origin behind that of the dorsal. Pectoral \( \frac{3}{4} \) to \( \frac{4}{5} \) the length of head. Caudal subtruncate. Males with a blackish longitudinal band; dorsal and caudal fins blackish, with a narrow light edge. Females with the lateral band broken up into a series of spots or bars; body with numerous irregular spots; fins pale.

*Hab.* Mexico, Rio Lerma System:  
Aguas Calientes⁸; Tepic⁹; Lagos⁸; Guanajuato¹⁰; Ocotlan⁸; Celaya⁸; Salamanca⁸; Huingo³.

Here described from a number of specimens, measuring up to 75 mm. in total length, from Aguas Calientes (*Jordan, Meek*) and Salamanca (*Woolman*).

4. *Characodon lateralis*.


Depth of body 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 3 in the length, length of head 3 to 3\( \frac{1}{4} \). Snout as long as or shorter than eye, the diameter of which is 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 4\( \frac{1}{4} \) in the length of head; interorbital width 2 to 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) in the length of head. 32 to 36 scales in a longitudinal series. Dorsal 11–14; origin equidistant from preoperculum or operculum and end of caudal. Anal 13–16; origin a little in advance of that of the dorsal. Pectoral \( \frac{3}{4} \) the length of head. Caudal rounded or subtruncate. Males dark brownish, with a more or less distinct blackish lateral band; vertical fins each with a blackish intramarginal band. Females olivaceous, with the dark lateral band more or less broken up into spots or bars.

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* Jordan & Evermann (Bull. U.S. Nat. Mus. xlvi. 1898, p. 2831) proposed the name *Characodon garmani* for the specimens from Parras, Coahuila, described by Garman (Mem. Mus. Comp. Zool. xix. 1895, p. 36) under the name *Characodon lateralis*. Garman’s description appears about equally applicable to *C. lateralis* and *C. variatus*, species which he does not recognize as distinct from each other. Specimens collected by Dr. Meek at Durango and sent as *C. garmani* are identical with *C. lateralis*.  

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