

Four new species of *Rivulus* Poey, 1860, subgenus *Cynodonichthys* Meek, 1904 (Teleostei: Cyprinodontiformes: Rivulidae) from the Magdalena River Basin, Central Colombia, including notes on *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) elegans* Steindachner, 1880

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**Abstract**

Four new rivulid species are described: *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) azurescens*, *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) pivijay*, *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) ribesrubrum*, and *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) xi*. *Rivulus azurescens* and *R. ribesrubrum* belong to the *R. elegans* species-group. *Rivulus pivijay* and *R. xi* are closely related to the *R. elegans* species-group, but differ by: 1) an unique reticulate brown color pattern on the body (versus a pattern of red longitudinal stripes); 2) males with the caudal-fin without a yellow/orange posterior border (versus males with a yellow/orange posterior border); and 3) the presence of an ocellus (faint or weak in adult males) on the caudal peduncle in both sexes (versus absence of an ocellus in both sexes, except in females of *R. magdalenae* and *R. boehlkei*. Huber & Fels 1985. Some notes concerning *R. (Cynodonichthys) elegans* Steindachner, 1880 are included for comparison.

**Key words**

taxonomy, *Rivulus (Cynodonichthys) azurescens*, *elegans*, *pivijay*, *ribesrubrum*, *xi*, new species, Central Colombia.