

Puntius viridis (Cypriniformes, Cyprinidae), a new fish species from Kerala, India

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ABSTRACT:

Taxonomic analysis of eight specimens of a cyprinid fish collected from Manimala River, Kerala, India revealed that they present several morphological differences from their congeners. The new species, *Puntius viridis*, is diagnosed by a combination of the following characters: eyes clearly visible from below ventral side; head depth lesser; one row of prominent elongated black spots on the middle of dorsal fin; a black band formed of dark spots present outer to operculum. 25-26 lateral line scales; 4½- 5½ scales between lateral line and dorsal fin; moderate scales on the breast region

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