



## A NOMENCLATOR OF EXTANT AND FOSSIL TAXA OF THE MELANOPSIDAE (GASTROPODA, CERITHIOIDEA)

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*Microcolpia parreyssii* (Philippi, 1847)

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The family Melanopsidae (Gastropoda: Cerithioidea) constitutes one of the highest diverse groups of non-marine aquatic gastropods in Earth history, ranging from the Cretaceous to the present. Its enormous morphological variability led taxonomists to introduce a plethora of new taxa. Although many of those names are currently not in use, the majority is nomenclaturally available. This inflation of names gave rise to numerous issues of homonymy and objective synonymy, many of which remained unnoticed by later workers. Moreover, there is considerable confusion about the validity and original concept of some of the names used today.

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