

Table 6 A summary of distinctive features of *H. forskalii*; *H. lineatus* and *H. brevis*

Characters	<i>H. forskalii</i>	<i>H. lineatus</i>	<i>H. brevis</i>
Depth of body into length	Usually more than 4½	Less than 4½	3-4
Length of head into length of body	4-5	3-4	Less than 4½
Caudal peduncle: depth into length	Not less than 1.7	Not more than 1.7	Not more than 1.7
Position of first ray of dorsal fin	Distinctly in advance of pelvic fin	Above or slightly in advance of pelvic fin	Directly above pelvic fin
Lateral line scales	48-54(7½ - 8½/3½ - 4½)	44-48(7½ - 8½/3½ - 4½)	47-54(8½ - 9½ /5½)
Scale between lateral line and scaly process at base of pelvic fin	2	2	3