

Table S1: Database of acuity (cycles/degree) in adult ray-finned fish, method of acuity measurement, environmental/ecological categories, and citations. Number of significant figures in the measure of acuity is based on the number of significant figures reported in the original citation.

Order	Family	Genus	Species	Acuity (CPD)	Method ¹	LL ²	T ³	H ⁴	D ⁵	Citation
Anguilliformes	Nemichthyidae	<i>Avocettina</i>	<i>infans</i>	8.3	LO	Dark	Clear	F	MB	[1]
Aulopiformes	Chlorophthalmidae	<i>Chlorophthalmus</i>	<i>albatrossis</i>	3.9	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[2]
	Evermannellidae	<i>Coccorella</i>	<i>atlantica</i>	2.9	LO					[1]
	Notosudidae	<i>Scopelosaurus</i>	<i>hoedti</i>	10.6	LO					[1]
	Scopelarchidae	<i>Scopelarchus</i>	<i>michaelsarsi</i>	5.6	RGC					[3]
Batrachoidiformes	Batrachoididae	<i>Halophryne</i>	<i>diemensis</i>	4	RGC					[4]
Beloniformes	Adrianichthyidae	<i>Oryzias</i>	<i>latipes</i>	0.563	B					[5]
	Adrianichthyidae	<i>Oryzias</i>	<i>latipes</i>	1.0	B					[6]
	Scomberesocidae	<i>Cololabis</i>	<i>saira</i>	7.1	PR	Dim	Clear	F	MB	[7]
Beryciformes	Anoplogastridae	<i>Anoplogaster</i>	<i>cornuta</i>	8.3	LO	Dark	Clear	F	P	[1]
Clupeiformes	Clupeidae	<i>Alosa</i>	<i>pseudoharengus</i>	2.4	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[8]
	Clupeidae	<i>Clupea</i>	<i>harengus</i>	9	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[9]
Cypriniformes	Cyprinidae	<i>Abramis</i>	<i>brama</i>	4	RGC	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[10]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Aspius</i>	<i>aspius</i>	4	RGC					[10]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	1.1	B					[11]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.0	B					[12]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.0	B					[13]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.2	B					[14]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.4	B					[15]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	1.2	B					[16]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	13.64	B					[17]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	2.5	PR					[12]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3	PR					[18]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.7	PR					[15]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Carassius</i>	<i>auratus</i>	3.8	PR					[19]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Cyprinus</i>	<i>carpio</i>	4	RGC	Dim	Med	HD	S	[10]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Danio</i>	<i>rerio</i>	0.589	B	Dim	Murky	HD	MB	[5]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Danio</i>	<i>rerio</i>	0.871	PR	Dim	Murky	HD	MB	[20]

	Cyprinidae	<i>Exoglossum</i>	<i>maxilllingua</i>	2.10	RGC	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[21]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Pelecus</i>	<i>cultratus</i>	5	RGC	Dim	Med	HD	P	[10]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Phoxinus</i>	<i>laevis</i>	5.56	B					[22]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Phoxinus</i>	<i>laevis</i>	5.45	PR					[22]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Rutilus</i>	<i>rutilus</i>	3	RGC	Bright	Murky	HD	S	[10]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Rutilus</i>	<i>rutilus</i>	4	PR	Bright	Murky	HD	S	[23]
	Cyprinidae	<i>Semotilus</i>	<i>atromaculatus</i>	2.69	RGC					[21]
Cyprinodontiformes	Poeciliidae	<i>Lebistes</i>	<i>reticulatus</i>	6.7	B					[24]
Gadiformes	Gadidae	<i>Theragra</i>	<i>chalcogramma</i>	6.0	PR	Dark	Med	F	P	[25]
Lampriformes	Regalecidae	<i>Regalecus</i>	<i>glesne</i>	5.9	LO	Dim	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Stylephoridae	<i>Stylephorus</i>	<i>chordatus</i>	9.2	RGC					[26]
Lepisosteiformes	Lepisosteidae	<i>Lepisosteus</i>	<i>platyrhincus</i>	2.3	RGC	Dim	Murky	HD	P	[27]
Myctophiformes	Myctophidae	<i>Benthosema</i>	<i>suborbitale</i>	13	LO					[1]
	Myctophidae	<i>Lampanyctus</i>	<i>festivus</i>	2.0	RGC	Dark	Clear	F	P	[26]
	Myctophidae	<i>Lepidophanes</i>	<i>guentheri</i>	3.2	LO					[1]
	Myctophidae	<i>Myctophum</i>	<i>punctatum</i>	3.6	RGC	Dark	Clear	F	P	[28]
	Myctophidae	<i>Nannobranchium</i>	<i>atrum*</i>	1.3	RGC	Dark	Clear	F	P	[26]
Osmeriformes	Alepocephalidae	<i>Alepocephalus</i>	<i>bairdii</i>	22.9	RGC					[26]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Alepocephalus</i>	<i>rostratus</i>	11.9	RGC					[3]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Bathytroctes</i>	<i>microlepis</i>	13.5	RGC					[3]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Conocara</i>	<i>macroptera</i>	10.4	RGC					[26]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Conocara</i>	<i>salmonia</i>	13.5	RGC					[26]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Narcetes</i>	<i>stomias</i>	10.0	RGC					[26]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Rouleina</i>	<i>attrita</i>	12.7	RGC	Dark	Clear	F	P	[3]
	Alepocephalidae	<i>Xenodermichthys</i>	<i>copei</i>	6.4	RGC	Dark	Clear	F	P	[3]
	Argentinidae	<i>Glossanodon</i>	<i>semifasciatus*</i>	6.5	PR					[2]
	Bathylagidae	<i>Melanolagus</i>	<i>bericoides</i>	5.0	LO					[1]
	Opisthoproctidae	<i>Dolichopteryx</i>	<i>spp.</i>	4.8	RGC					[26]
	Opisthoproctidae	<i>Opisthoproctus</i>	<i>grimaldii</i>	5.7	RGC					[26]
	Opisthoproctidae	<i>Opisthoproctus</i>	<i>soleatus</i>	12	LO					[1]
	Opisthoproctidae	<i>Opisthoproctus</i>	<i>soleatus</i>	4.3	RGC					[26]
	Opisthoproctidae	<i>Winteria</i>	<i>telescopa</i>	14.29	RGC					[28]
	Platytroutidae	<i>Platytroutes</i>	<i>apus</i>	9.3	RGC					[3]
Osmeriformes	Platytroutidae	<i>Searsia</i>	<i>koefoedi</i>	7.4	RGC					[3]

Perciformes	Acanthuridae	<i>Prionurus</i>	<i>scalprum</i> *	7.1	PR	Bright	Med	C	S	[2]
	Acropomatidae	<i>Malakichthys</i>	<i>wakiyae</i>	7.6	PR					[2]
	Apogonidae	<i>Apogon</i>	<i>lineatus</i>	4.2	PR					[2]
	Blenniidae	<i>Petroscirtes</i>	<i>variabilis</i>	4	RGC					[4]
	Carangidae	<i>Carangoides</i>	<i>bartholomaei</i> *	2.6	LO	Bright	Med	C	P	[1]
	Carangidae	<i>Carangoides</i>	<i>equula</i>	9.09	RGC	Dim	Med	C	P	[28]
	Carangidae	<i>Selar</i>	<i>crumenophthalmus</i>	2.9	LO	Dim	Clear	F	MB	[1]
	Carangidae	<i>Seriola</i>	<i>dumerili</i>	20	PR	Bright	Med	C	P	[29]
	Carangidae	<i>Seriola</i>	<i>quinqueradiata</i>	4.4	PR	Bright	Med	HD	P	[30]
	Carangidae	<i>Seriola</i>	<i>quinqueradiata</i>	6.90	PR	Bright	Med	HD	P	[2]
	Carangidae	<i>Trachurus</i>	<i>declivis</i>	9.1	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[31]
	Carangidae	<i>Trachurus</i>	<i>japonicus</i>	7.0	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P	[2]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Ambloplites</i>	<i>rupestris</i>	40	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[32]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Lepomis</i>	<i>macrochirus</i>	5.00	B	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[33]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Lepomis</i>	<i>macrochirus</i>	6.7	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[33]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Lepomis</i>	<i>macrochirus</i>	8.1	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[34]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Lepomis</i>	<i>macrochirus</i>	22	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[32]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Micropterus</i>	<i>salmoides</i>	5.9	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[35]
	Centrarchidae	<i>Pomoxis</i>	<i>annularis</i>	7.8	PR	Dim	Murky	HD	P	[36]
	Cichlidae	<i>Astronotus</i>	<i>ocellatus</i>	11	B					[37]
	Cichlidae	<i>Cichlasoma</i>	<i>portalegrense</i>	10	B					[38]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>bicolor</i>	2.9	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>elegans</i>	2.9	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>hiatus</i>	3.3	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>microdon</i>	3.5	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>mylodon</i>	2	PR					[40]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>sauvagei</i>	3.1	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>squamipinnis</i>	2	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[40]
	Cichlidae	<i>Haplochromis</i>	<i>iris</i>	3.3	PR					[39]
	Cichlidae	<i>Hemichromis</i>	<i>bimaculatus</i>	8.6	B					[24]
	Cichlidae	<i>Xenotilapia</i>	<i>flavipinnis</i>	0.591	B					[41]
	Cichlidae	<i>Xenotilapia</i>	<i>leptura</i> *	2.670	B					[41]
	Cichlidae	<i>Xenotilapia</i>	<i>melanogenys</i> *	1.367	B					[41]

Cichlidae	<i>Xenotilapia</i>	<i>spilopterus*</i>	0.592	B						[41]
Coryphaenidae	<i>Coryphaena</i>	<i>hippurus</i>	30	RGC	Dim	Med	F	P		[29]
Gempylidae	<i>Diplospinus</i>	<i>multistriatus</i>	4.8	LO	Dark	Med	F	P		[1]
Gerreidae	<i>Parequula</i>	<i>melbournensis</i>	16	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB		[31]
Girellidae	<i>Girella</i>	<i>punctata</i>	7.7	PR	Bright	Med	C	MB		[2]
Istiophoridae	<i>Istiophorus</i>	<i>albicans</i>	32	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P		[29]
Istiophoridae	<i>Kajikia</i>	<i>albida*</i>	33	PR						[29]
Istiophoridae	<i>Makaira</i>	<i>nigricans</i>	8.5	RGC	Dim	Clear	F	P		[42]
Kyphosidae	<i>Microcanthus</i>	<i>strigatus</i>	12	B	Dim	Med	C	MB		[43]
Kyphosidae	<i>Microcanthus</i>	<i>strigatus</i>	18	PR	Dim	Med	C	MB		[43]
Labridae	<i>Choerodon</i>	<i>cyanodus*</i>	15	RGC						[4]
Lateolabracidae	<i>Lateolabrax</i>	<i>japonicus</i>	7.1	PR	Bright	Med	C	P		[2]
Leiognathidae	<i>Leiognathus</i>	<i>equulus*</i>	5.2	PR	Dim	Med	C	MB		[2]
Lethrinidae	<i>Gymnocranius</i>	<i>audleyi*</i>	27	RGC						[4]
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus</i>	<i>miniatus*</i>	22	RGC	Dim	Med	C	MB		[4]
Percidae	<i>Perca</i>	<i>flavescens</i>	3.0	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB		[8]
Percidae	<i>Perca</i>	<i>flavescens</i>	3.5	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB		[23]
Percidae	<i>Perca</i>	<i>flavescens</i>	7	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB		[44]
Percidae	<i>Perca</i>	<i>fluviatilis</i>	2	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB		[40]
Pinguipedidae	<i>Parapercis</i>	<i>cylindrica</i>	7	RGC	Bright	Med	C	MB		[4]
Pomacanthidae	<i>Dascyllus</i>	<i>marginatus</i>	1.3	B	Bright	Med	C	P		[45]
Pomacanthidae	<i>Dascyllus</i>	<i>marginatus</i>	8.6	PR	Bright	Med	C	P		[45]
Pomacanthidae	<i>Pomacanthus</i>	<i>semicirculatus</i>	7	RGC	Bright	Med	C	S		[4]
Pomacentridae	<i>Amblyglyphidodon</i>	<i>curacao</i>	8	RGC	Bright	Med	C	MB		[4]
Priacanthidae	<i>Heteropriacanthus</i>	<i>cruentatus*</i>	10.3	PR	Dim	Med	C	P		[2]
Scombridae	<i>Acanthocybium</i>	<i>solandri</i>	25	PR	Bright	Clear	F	P		[29]
Scombridae	<i>Euthynnus</i>	<i>affinis</i>	8.11	B						[46]
Scombridae	<i>Euthynnus</i>	<i>alletteratus</i>	20	PR	Dim	Med	C	P		[29]
Scombridae	<i>Katsuwonus</i>	<i>pelamis</i>	10.7	B	Dim	Clear	F	P		[46]
Scombridae	<i>Katsuwonus</i>	<i>pelamis</i>	14.0	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P		[46]
Scombridae	<i>Katsuwonus</i>	<i>pelamis</i>	26	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P		[29]
Scombridae	<i>Scomber</i>	<i>australasicus</i>	10.8	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P		[47]
Scombridae	<i>Scomber</i>	<i>japonicus</i>	8.0	PR	Dim	Clear	F	P		[2]

	Scombridae	<i>Scomberomorus</i>	<i>cavalla</i>	12	PR	Bright	Med	C	P	[29]
	Scombridae	<i>Thunnus</i>	<i>albacares</i>	16.4	B	Bright	Clear	F	P	[48]
	Scombridae	<i>Thunnus</i>	<i>albacares</i> *	27	PR	Bright	Clear	F	P	[29]
	Serranidae	<i>Cephalopholis</i>	<i>miniatus</i>	14	RGC	Bright	Med	C	P	[4]
	Serranidae	<i>Epinephelus</i>	<i>chlorostigma</i>	9.8	PR	Dim	Med	C	P	[2]
	Serranidae	<i>Epinephelus</i>	<i>septemfasciatus</i>	14.3	PR					[2]
	Sillaginidae	<i>Sillago</i>	<i>flindersi</i>	7.8	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB	[31]
	Sparidae	<i>Acanthopagrus</i>	<i>berda</i> *	9.7	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[2]
	Sparidae	<i>Acanthopagrus</i>	<i>schlegelii</i> *	8.7	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB	[2]
	Sparidae	<i>Dentex</i>	<i>tumifrons</i> *	8.8	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[2]
	Sparidae	<i>Pagrus</i>	<i>auratus</i> *	9.4	PR	Dim	Med	C	MB	[2]
	Sparidae	<i>Pagrus</i>	<i>major</i>	3.5	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[49]
	Sphyraenidae	<i>Sphyraena</i>	<i>barracuda</i>	19	PR	Dim	Med	C	P	[29]
	Terapontidae	<i>Rhynchopelates</i>	<i>oxyrhynchus</i> *	6.2	PR					[2]
	Toxotidae	<i>Toxotes</i>	<i>chatareus</i>	3.23	B	Dim	Murky	C	P	[50]
	Toxotidae	<i>Toxotes</i>	<i>chatareus</i>	4.00	PR	Dim	Murky	C	P	[50]
	Trichiuridae	<i>Trichiurus</i>	<i>lepturus</i>	13.3	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[51]
	Tripterygiidae	<i>Forsterygion</i>	<i>varium</i>	1.1	B					[52]
	Tripterygiidae	<i>Forsterygion</i>	<i>varium</i>	6.7	PR					[52]
Pleuronectiformes	Bothidae	<i>Lophonectes</i>	<i>gallus</i>	4.6	PR	Dim	Med	HD	NB	[31]
	Pleuronectidae	<i>Cleisthenes</i>	<i>pinetorum</i>	7.64	PR					[53]
	Pleuronectidae	<i>Hippoglossoides</i>	<i>dubius</i>	6.52	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[53]
	Pleuronectidae	<i>Microstomus</i>	<i>achne</i>	5.51	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[53]
	Pleuronectidae	<i>Pleuronectes</i>	<i>platessa</i>	5	B					[54]
	Pleuronectidae	<i>Pleuronectes</i>	<i>platessa</i>	2	PR					[54]
	Scophthalmidae	<i>Scophthalmus</i>	<i>maximus</i>	6	B					[54]
	Scophthalmidae	<i>Scophthalmus</i>	<i>maximus</i>	3	PR					[54]
Salmoniformes	Salmonidae	<i>Coregonus</i>	<i>hoyi</i>	3.0	PR					[8]
	Salmonidae	<i>Oncorhynchus</i>	<i>mykiss</i>	4.29	B					[55]
Scorpaeniformes	Cottidae	<i>Alcichthys</i>	<i>elongatus</i>	8.33	PR					[56]
	Platycephalidae	<i>Platycephalus</i>	<i>bassensis</i>	9.4	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[31]
	Platycephalidae	<i>Platycephalus</i>	<i>richardsoni</i> *	9.5	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[31]
	Sebastidae	<i>Helicolenus</i>	<i>dactylopterus</i>	5.7	PR	Dim	Med	HD	P	[2]
	Sebastidae	<i>Sebastes</i>	<i>schlegelii</i>	6.32	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB	[57]

Stephanoberyciformes Stomiiformes	Sebastidae	<i>Sebastiscus</i>	<i>marmoratus</i>	9.0	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB	[2]
	Triglidae	<i>Chelidonichthys</i>	<i>kumu</i>	8.8	PR					[2]
	Triglidae	<i>Lepidotrigla</i>	<i>mulhalli</i>	7.1	PR					[31]
	Melamphaidae	<i>Scopeloberyx</i>	<i>robustus</i>	5.0	LO	Dark	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Gonostomatidae	<i>Sigmops</i>	<i>elongatus*</i>	7.7	LO					[1]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Argyropelecus</i>	<i>aculeatus</i>	7.7	LO	Dim	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Argyropelecus</i>	<i>affinis</i>	7.9	RGC	Dim	Clear	F	P	[26]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Argyropelecus</i>	<i>gigas</i>	8.7	RGC	Dim	Clear	F	P	[26]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Argyropelecus</i>	<i>hemigymnus</i>	5.0	RGC					[26]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Argyropelecus</i>	<i>sladeni</i>	6.00	RGC	Dim	Clear	F	P	[3]
	Sternoptychidae	<i>Sternoptyx</i>	<i>diaphana</i>	11	LO					[1]
Syngnathiformes	Stomiidae	<i>Astronesthes</i>	<i>lucifer</i>	8.3	LO					[1]
	Stomiidae	<i>Chauliodus</i>	<i>sloani</i>	4.4	LO	Dark	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Stomiidae	<i>Idiacanthus</i>	<i>antrostomus</i>	6.3	LO	Dark	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Stomiidae	<i>Malacosteus</i>	<i>niger</i>	5.6	LO	Dark	Clear	F	P	[1]
	Aulostomidae	<i>Aulostomus</i>	<i>chinensis</i>	15	RGC	Bright	Med	C	P	[4]
	Syngnathidae	<i>Hippocampus</i>	<i>abdominalis</i>	3.06	RGC	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[58]
	Syngnathidae	<i>Hippocampus</i>	<i>abdominalis</i>	11.4	PR	Dim	Med	HD	MB	[58]
	Syngnathidae	<i>Hippocampus</i>	<i>taeniopterus</i>	3.32	RGC					[58]
	Syngnathidae	<i>Hippocampus</i>	<i>taeniopterus</i>	13.0	PR					[58]
Tetraodontiformes	Balistidae	<i>Balistoides</i>	<i>conspicillum</i>	12	RGC	Bright	Med	C	MB	[4]
	Balistidae	<i>Rhinecanthus</i>	<i>aculeatus</i>	1.75	B	Bright	Med	C	MB	[59]
	Balistidae	<i>Rhinecanthus</i>	<i>aculeatus</i>	3.40	RGC	Bright	Med	C	MB	[59]
	Balistidae	<i>Rhinecanthus</i>	<i>aculeatus</i>	7.75	PR	Bright	Med	C	MB	[59]
	Monacanthidae	<i>Thamnaconus</i>	<i>degeni</i>	9.1	PR					[31]
	Monacanthidae	<i>Thamnaconus</i>	<i>modestus*</i>	9.4	PR	Bright	Med	C	P	[2]
	Tetraodontidae	<i>Marilyna</i>	<i>pleurosticta*</i>	5	RGC					[4]
	Tetraodontidae	<i>Takifugu</i>	<i>chrysops*</i>	4.2	PR					[2]
	Tetraodontidae	<i>Takifugu</i>	<i>niphobles*</i>	8.6	PR	Bright	Med	HD	MB	[2]

¹Methods are lens optics (LO), photoreceptor density (PR), peak retinal ganglion cell density (RGC), and behavior (B); ²Light level categories are: Bright, Dim, and Dark; ³Turbidity categories are Clear, Medium (Med), and Murky; ⁴Habitat Complexity categories are: Complex (C), horizon-dominated (HD), and featureless (F); ⁵Diet categories are: pelagic (P), motile-benthic (MB), and sessile (S)

*Indicates species listed under a different name in the original publication; species in the database have had their names synonymized with updated taxonomies from Fishbase.org.

Table S2. Comparison of PGLS regression lines of acuity on eye size obtained using photoreceptor density only, RGC density only, or a combined dataset.

Dataset	Slope [95%CI]	Intercept [95%CI]	F-Statistic	p	r ²	Power
Photoreceptor Density (n= 54)	0.773 [0.56-0.98]	0.354 [0.19-0.52]	51.5	<0.001	0.51	0.76
Retinal Ganglion Cell Density (n= 27)	0.862 [0.51-1.21]	0.330 [-0.08-0.74]	23.46	<0.001	0.54	0.40 ¹
Combined (n= 81)	0.806 [0.63-0.97]	0.341 [0.21-0.47]	84.41	<0.001	0.55	0.89

¹Power analyses showed that to achieve significance at an effect size and power equivalent to that of the photoreceptor-only analysis, a sample size of 47 would be necessary in the RGC-only dataset.

Table S3. PGLS multivariate models of acuity versus eye size (ES), while controlling for method of acuity measurement. Δ AIC values were calculated relative to the best-fit model.

Morphological Variable	Model	AIC	Δ AIC	ζ_i	w_i
Eye size	Log(Acuity)~Log(ES)	-16.33	0	1.00	0.59
	Log(Acuity)~Log(ES)+Method	-14.81	1.52	0.47	0.28
	Log(Acuity)~Log(ES)*Method	-13.41	2.92	0.23	0.14
	Log(Acuity)~Method	26.7	43.03	0.00	0.00

Table S4. The results of stepwise model selection on PGLS regressions of acuity versus lens diameter and ecological variables. Initial models are shown for each step, along with the AIC values of each model considered during each step. The final model from each step is the initial model in the following step. LD=lens diameter, LL=light level, T=turbidity, HC=habitat complexity, and D=diet.

Step	Model (or factor subtracted)	Degrees of Freedom	AIC
1	Log(Acuity)~Log(LD)+LL+T+HC+D		57.59
	-LL	2	54.219
	-D	2	54.219
	-T	2	56.023
	-none		57.591
	-log(LD)	1	59.915
	-HC	2	66.930
2	Log(Acuity)~Log(LD)+T+HC+D		53.76
	-D	2	50.290
	-T	2	52.117
	-none		53.759
	-log(LD)	1	56.327
	-HC	2	63.320
3	Log(Acuity)~Log(LD)+T+HC		50.29
	-T	2	48.484
	-none		50.290
	-log(LD)	1	53.246
	-HC	2	60.002
4	Log(Acuity)~Log(LD)+HC		48.48
	-LD	1	52.142
	-HC	2	56.613
Final Model	Log(Acuity)~Log(LD)+HC		48.48

Supplementary Figures

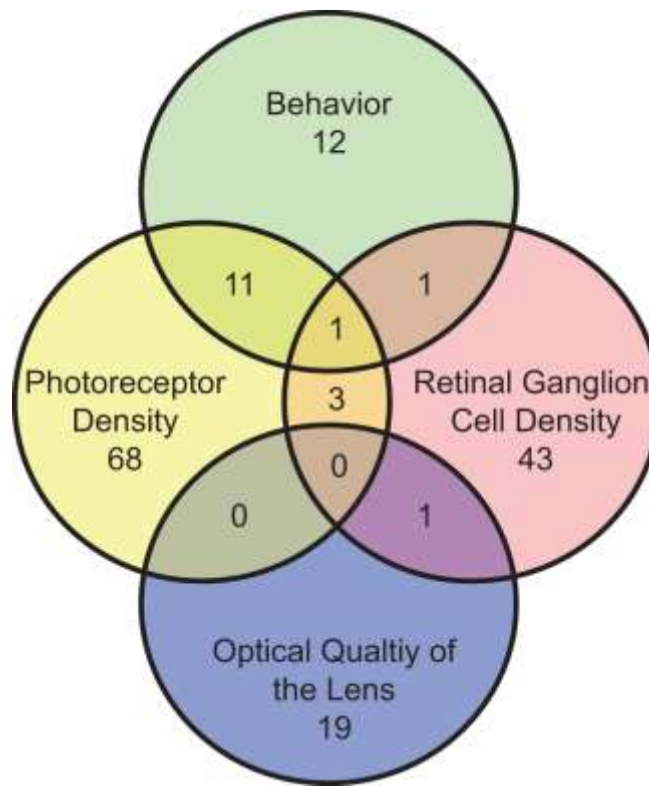


Figure S1. Number of species in the acuity database for which acuity has been measured using each method, or a combination of methods.

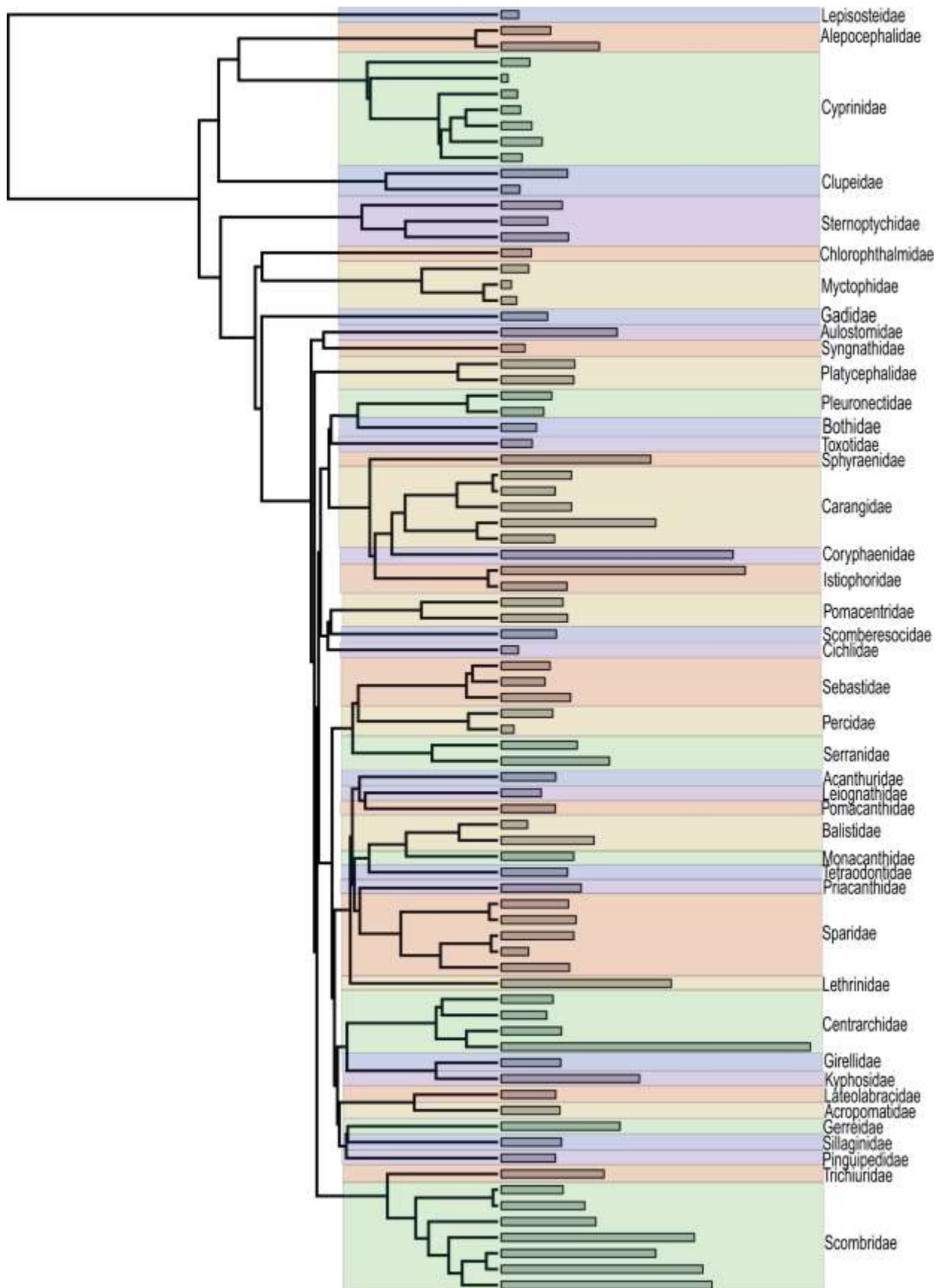


Figure S2. Acuity across the fish phylogeny, for the 81 species for which we had phylogeny data, and for which acuity had been measured using either photoreceptor density or peak retinal ganglion cell density. Colored boxes and labels designate families. The gray bars represent acuity in cycles/degree. Phylogeny from [60].

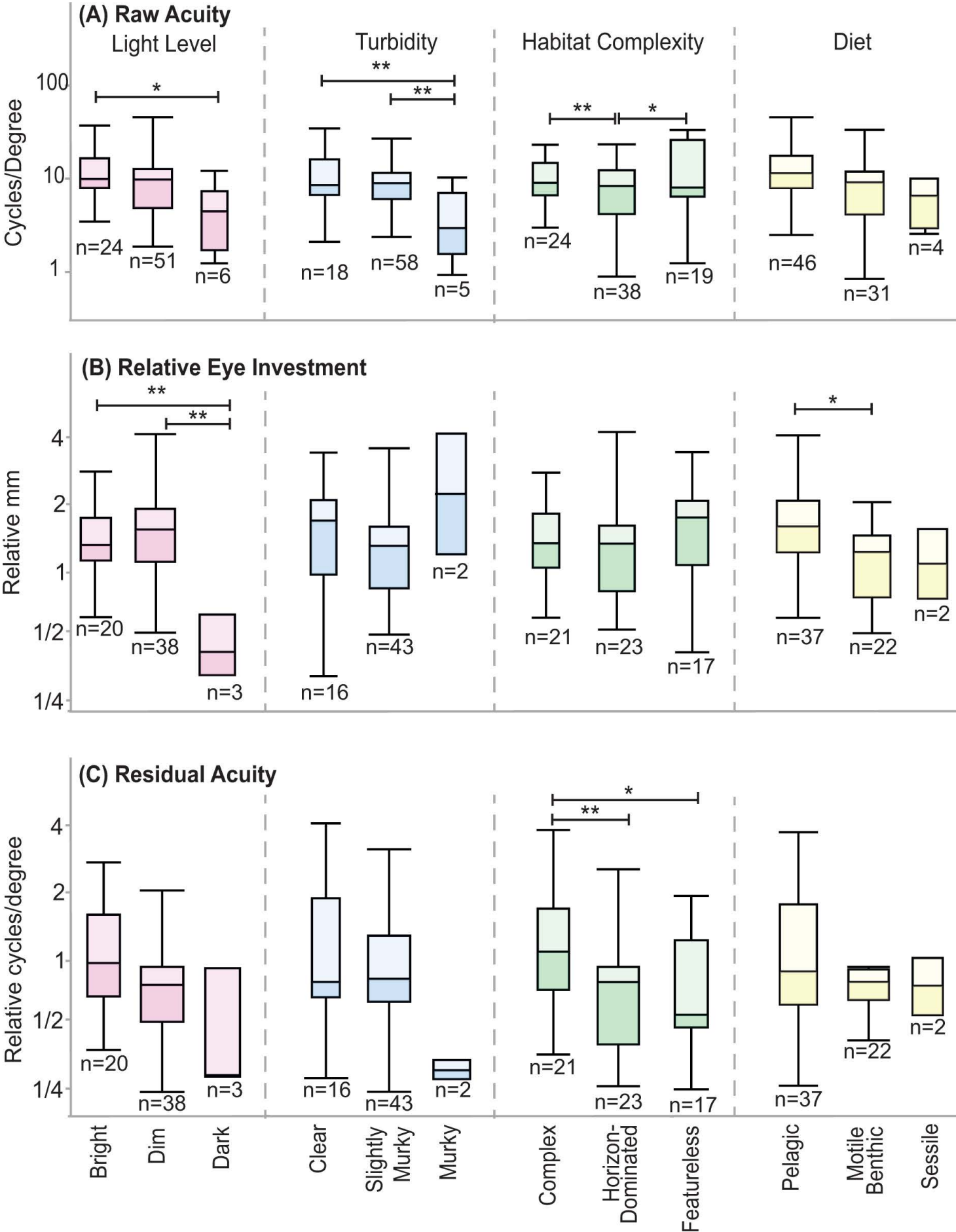


Figure S3. (A) Raw acuity (uncorrected for morphology or phylogeny), in cycles/degree, (b) relative eye investment, and (c) residual acuity across light level (pink), turbidity (blue), habitat spatial complexity (green), and diet (yellow) categories. Sample sizes are presented below each box. Statistics are from pairwise Student's t-tests. Because each panel involved three pairwise comparisons, we used a Bonferroni-correction to correct for multiple comparisons; therefore, only comparisons with p-values of 0.02 or less are significant, as 0.02 is the Bonferroni-corrected significance level. See Figure 3 for further details about units.

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