LACERTA VARIA.

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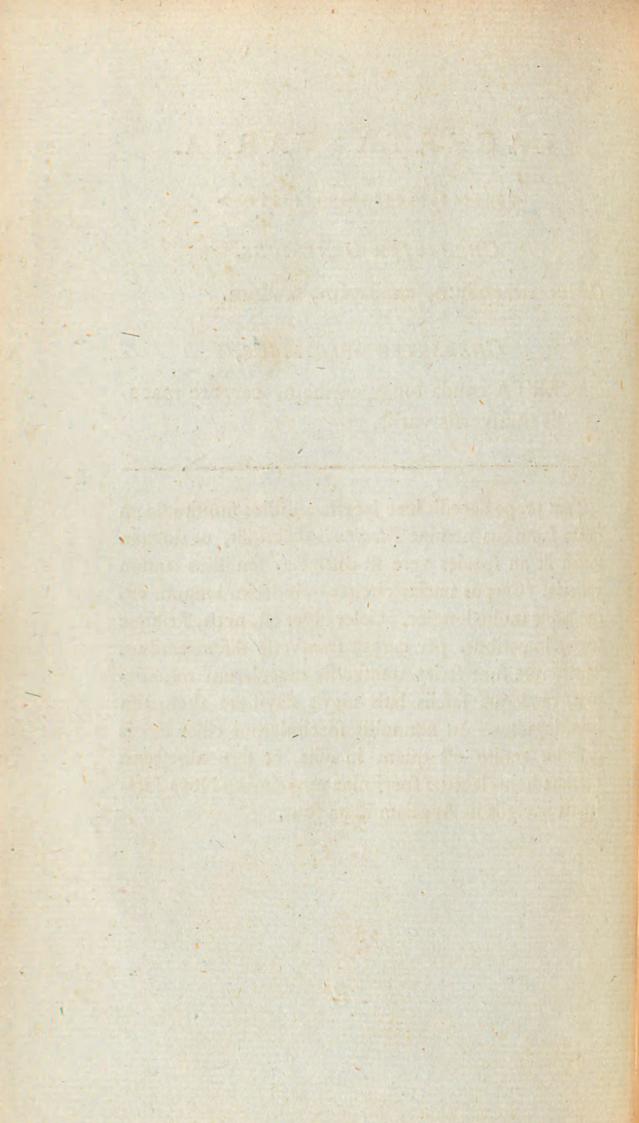
CHARACTER GENERICUS.

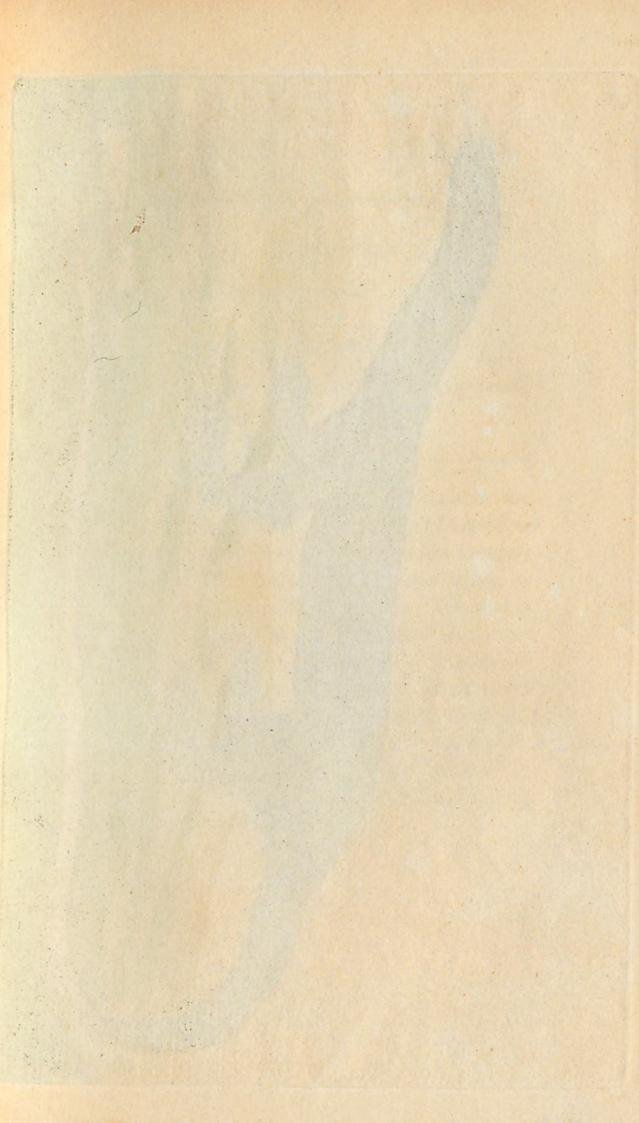
Corpus tetrapodum, caudatum, nudum.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS,

LACERTA cauda longa carinata, corpore maculis transversis variis.

Tam prope accedit hæc lacerta ad illius fimilitudinem quam Linnæus nomine Monitoris descripsit, ut dubium forsan sit an species vere sit distincta, seu illius tantum varietas. Corpus uncias circiter quindecim longum est, caudaque multo longior. Color niger est, notis, striisque slavis, imparibus, per corpus transverse discurrentibus. Super crura sunt series transverse macularum rotundarum, caudaque fasciis latis nigris slavisque alternatim interstinguitur. In nonnullis speciminibus color slavus pallidior multo est quam in aliis, et sere albescens. Plurima hujus lacertæ specimina novissimis a Nova Hollandia navigiis in Angliam illata sunt.







THE

VARIEGATED LIZARD.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body four-footed, tailed, naked.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

LIZARD with long carinated tail, the body transversely variegated.

This Lizard approaches fo extremely near to the Lacerta Monitor of Linnæus, or Monitory Lizard, as to make it doubtful whether it be not in reality a variety of that species. The body is about sifteen inches in length, and the tail is considerably longer. The animal is of a black colour, variegated with yellow marks and streaks of different shapes, and running in a transverse direction. On the legs are rows of transverse round spots; and on the tail broad alternate bars of black and yellow. In some specimens the yellow is much paler than in others, and nearly white. Several specimens of this species were brought from New Holland during the late voyage from Botany Bay.



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