

LACERTA VARIA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus tetrapodum, caudatum, nudum.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS,

LACERTA cauda longa carinata, corpore maculis transverfis variis.

Tam prope accedit hæc lacerta ad illius similitudinem 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 flavis, imparibus, per corpus transverse discurrentibus. Super crura sunt series transversæ macularum rotundarum, caudaque fasciis latis nigris flavisque alternatim interstinguitur. In nonnullis speciminibus color flavus pallidior multo est quam in aliis, et fere albescens. Plurima hujus lacertæ specimina novissimis a Nova Hollandia navigiis in Angliam illata sunt.



THE VARIEGATED LIZARD.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body four-footed, tailed, naked.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

LIZARD with long carinated tail, the body transversely variegated.

This Lizard approaches so 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 fifteen 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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