

# LACERTA UNISTRIATA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* tetrapodum, caudatum, nudum.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LACERTA FUSCA, subtus pallidior, linea dorsuali albida, super caput furcata, digitis unguiculatis, subtus, lamellatis.

LACERTA VITTATA?

*Gmel. Syst. Nat.* 1. p. 1067.

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Rarissima est hæc lacerta, nec certum est annon adhuc unquam descripta sit. Inter species Linnæanas frustra requiritur, nec non in numerofo horum animalium agmine quæ suppeditat Thesaurus Sebæ. Quantum colligere possum a speciminibus quæ egomet inspexi, longa est, ut plurimum, sex uncias, interdum ad novem pertingens. Color est languide fusco-flavescens, ochræ similis, subtus pallidior. Cauda gilva notis longitudinalibus fuscis variatur. Per dorsi longitudinem late discurrit linea insignis albo-gilva, quæ ab utroque latere capitis furcæ instar, divaricat; extremitatibus oculis tenuis protensis. Cutis tuberculis, præsertim versus caudam, levitur exasperatur, quæ minutissima cum sint, non nisi attento oculo conspici queant. Simillima est



est illi hæc species quam Linnæus nomine *Gecko* distinxit. In figura nostra exhibetur animal magnitudine ipsius speciminis; sed in figura 1. augetur paululum pars inferior pedis, ut transversæ lamellæ clarius distinctiusque inspiciantur.











# THE SINGLE-STRIPED LIZARD.



## *GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Body* four-footed, tailed, naked.

## *SPECIFIC CHARACTER.*

BROWN LIZARD, paler beneath, with a white dorsal line forked over the head, and unguiculated feet, lamellated beneath.

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This species of *Lacerta* is extremely rare, and it may be doubted whether it has yet been described. It certainly is not a Linnæan species, nor does it occur in the numerous collection of Seba. The size of the specimens which I have examined is rather small, viz. from about six to nine inches in length. The colour is a soft yellowish brown, paler beneath: the tail is cream-coloured, varied with longitudinal marks of brown, and on the back of the animal is a very remarkable white, or rather cream-coloured broad line, which divides on each side the top of the head in the manner of a fork, the extremities of each division just reaching to the eyes. The skin of this Lizard, when closely examined, is slightly exasperated, especially towards the tail, with minute tubercles, but they are so extremely small that they are not perceptible without a close examination. The feet are transversely lamellated beneath.

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The species to which this animal seems to bear the greatest affinity is the *Lacerta Gecko* of Linnæus. The figure here given represents it of its natural size; and at fig. 1. is represented the under part of one of the feet, rather larger than nature, in order to shew with greater distinctness the transverse lamellæ with which it is furnished.



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