



*Salamandra auriculata.*

*Rogers pinx<sup>t</sup>*

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SALAMANDRA AURICULATA.—*Holbrook.**Plate XII.*

CHARACTERS. Head small, with a reddish-brown spot near the ear; body and tail cylindrical, with a series of minute reddish-brown spots on each side.

DESCRIPTION. The head is small, rounded above and in front. The tongue is small, round, pediculated, and very movable. A thick group of minute teeth begin behind the posterior nares, and unite in the middle of the palate; behind this transverse row, after an interval of two lines, begins a longitudinal group, which soon subdivides into two lines, diverging more and more from each other near the posterior margin of the palate.

The nostrils are small, lateral, and are wider apart than in the Salamanders generally. The eyes are prominent, but small; the pupil is black, the iris reddish-brown. The neck is slightly contracted, with a small cutaneous fold at the throat.

The body is long and cylindrical; the tail is long, round, but slightly compressed at the tip.

The anterior extremities are small, with four fingers, of which the third is the longest. The posterior extremities are also small, but thicker than the anterior; they each terminate in five toes, of which the third is the longest.

COLOUR. The *Salamandra auriculata* is dusky-brown above, rather darker

upon the head, with an oblong reddish-brown spot behind the ear. On each side of the body is a row of small and sub-round reddish-brown spots, extending as far as the extremity of the tail; these spots on the flanks frequently are double, but very closely approximated. The throat and abdomen are light grey, with a tinge of violet at the throat.

DIMENSIONS. Length of head, 4 lines; of body to vent, 2 inches 2 lines; of tail,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches: total length, 5 inches.

HABITS. Nothing is known of the habits of this animal.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. The specimens from which the above description was taken came from Riceborough, in Georgia, and were furnished me by my friend Dr. Harden.



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