

STYLEPHORUS CHORDATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Oculi pedunculati (seu cylindro crasso brevi impositi.)

Rostrum productum, sursum spectans, versus caput membrana interjecta retractile.

Os terminale, edentulum?

Branchiæ trium parium sub jugulō sitæ.

Pinnæ pectorales parvæ; *dorsalis* longitudine dorsi, caudalis brevis, radiato-spinosa.

Corpus longissimum, compressum.

Cum rarissimum hunc piscem in primo volumine Actorum Societatis Linnæanæ jam descripserim, fatis erit lectores admonere fideliter in tabula depingi naturalem animalis magnitudinem, coloremque (exceptis capite pinnisque fuscis) esse splendide argenteum.

Captus fuit Stylephorus chordatus juxta parvulas aliquot insulas non longe a Cuba distantes. Specimen, quod unicum in Europa extare creditur, undeque exaravi descriptionem quæ actis inseritur Societatis Linnæanæ, conspici possit in Museo Leveriano.

Novum genus constituit piscis, cujus alia nulla hactenus cognita est species.

THE
CHORDATED STYLEPHORUS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Eyes pedunculated; standing on a short, thick cylinder.

Snout lengthened; directed upwards; retractile towards the head by means of a membrane.

Mouth without teeth?

Branchiæ three pair, beneath the throat.

Fins pectoral small; *dorsal* the length of the back; *caudal* short, with spiny rays.

Body very long; compressed.

Having already described this highly curious animal in the first Volume of the Transactions of the Linnæan Society, I shall at present only observe that it is here represented in its natural size; that the color (except on the head and fins, which are brown) is a bright silver; and that it was taken near a cluster of small islands not far from the coast of Cuba. The only specimen yet known in Europe, and from which the description above referred to in the Linnæan Transactions was drawn up, is preserved in the Leverian Museum.

I need not add that this fish constitutes a new genus, of which no other species has yet been discovered.





Shaw, George. 1797. "The Chordated Stylephorus, *Stylephorus chordatus* [Pl. 274]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 8(XC), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310817>.

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