

ASTERIAS TOREUMA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus depressum, subtus sulcatum; crusta coriacea tentaculis muricata.

Os centrale quinquevalve.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3160.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

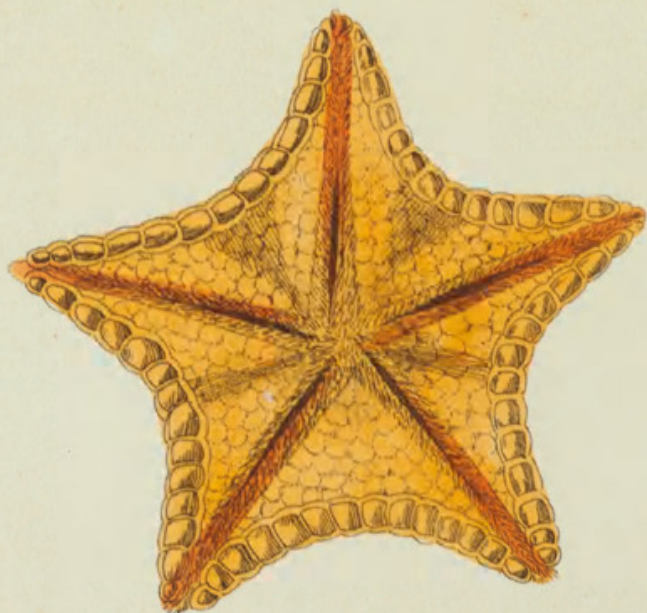
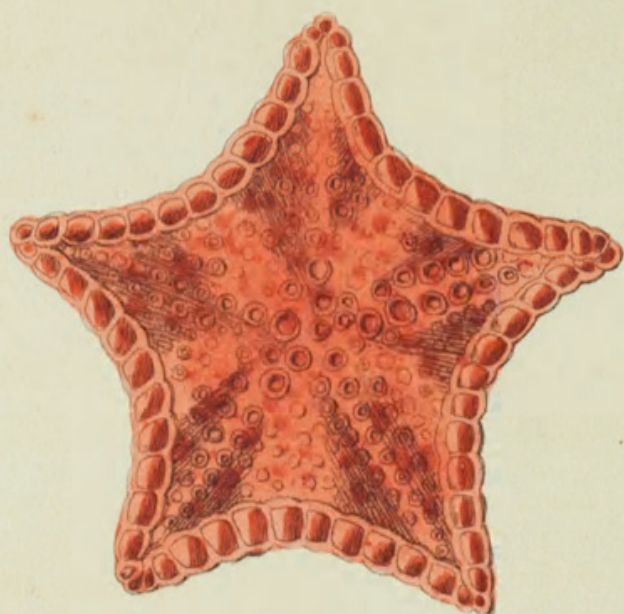
ASTERIAS granulata, radiis quinque obtusis margine articulato-tuberculatis.

Stella marina Artocreas.

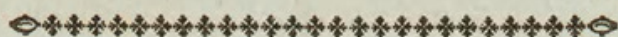
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Asteriarum omnium quas adhuc novimus nulla videtur magis esse coelata et quasi artificis manu e ligno elaborata, quam illa quæ in tabula ostenditur. In maribus Indicis generatur, diversa magnitudine, diametro interdum unciali, interdum sexunciali. Color rubeo-pallet, subtus flavescens seu fere albicans.



CARVED ASTERIAS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body depressed, coriaceous, roughened with small tentacula above.

Mouth beneath, central, quinquevalvular.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Granulated ASTERIAS, with five obtuse rays articulated with tubercles on the margin.

Of all the Asteriæ yet known, the present is one which has most the aspect of an elaborate artificial composition; appearing as if curiously carved on wood. It is a native of the Indian seas, and is found of various sizes, from an inch to six inches in diameter. Its colour is pale red, yellowish or whitish beneath.



Shaw, George. 1800. "Carved Asterias, Asterias toreuma [Pl. 475]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 12(CXXXIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310921>.

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