

VOLUTA VESPERTILIO.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Limax.

Testa unilocularis, spiralis.

Apertura ecaudata, subeffusa.

Columella plicata; labio umbilicove nullo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1186.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

VOLUTA subfulva, fusco variata, basi spinis cincta, columella quadriplicata.

VOLUTA VESPERTILIO. V. testa emarginata anfractibus spinis acutis, columella quadriplicata, labio lævi.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3461.

Volutæ Hebrææ, quam antea descripsimus, affinis admodum Voluta Vespertilio maria incolit Indica, a seipsa non raro discrepans quo ad formam et proportionem testæ. Alia scilicet specimina ventriosa sunt, prominentiis circa basin conspicuis et mucronatis; alia tenuiora sunt, prominentiis minoribus, vix et ne vix mucronatis. Color testæ generalis flavo-ferrugineo-pallet, subnigro vel rufo-fusco variatus.



THE
BAT'S-WING VOLUTE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Limax or Slug.

Shell unilocular, spiral.

Pillar twisted or plaited.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Subfulvous VOLUTE, with brown variegations,
base surrounded by spines, and four-plaited
pillar.

Seb. mus. 3. t. 67.

Rumph. mus. t. 32. f. H.

The present species, considerably allied to the *Voluta Hebræa*, figured in a former number of the present work, is a native of the Indian seas, and is subject to considerable variety as to the form and proportions of the shell, some specimens being very ventricose, and furnished with greatly prominent and pointed processes round the base, while others are of a more slender form, with very slightly projecting processes. Its general colour is pale or yellow-feruginous, with dusky or rufous-brown variegations.



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