

MERGUS CASTOR.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum denticulatum, fubulato-cylindricum, apice aduncum.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 207.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MERGUS cristatus cinereus, capite colloque supremo spadiceis, gula remigibus intermediis abdomineque albis.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 829.

MERGUS CASTOR. M. capite cristato cinereo, subtus ferrugineo, gula alba, rostro pedibusque nigricantibus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 209.

MERGUS Gulo.

Scopoll. ann. 1. No. 88.

Anas rubricapilla.

Brun. No. 93.

Habita non raro est hæc avis Mergi Merganseris femina. Hodiernis tamen physicis visum est ab illo eam omnino sejungere, speciemque revera diversam
A ducere.

ducere. In Anglia mergo merganfere sæpius con-
specta, præcipue in partibus septentrionalibus, lacus
fluviosque frequentat, vesciturque pisciculis et reli-
quis ejusmodi. Longa est, ut plurimum, uncias
circiter viginti septem.



THE
DUN MERGANSER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill narrow, sub-cylindric, toothed at the edges,
hooked at the tip.

Nostrils small, ovate, towards the middle of the
bill.

Feet tetradactyle, palmated, the exterior toe longer
than the rest.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Ash-coloured crested MERGANSER, with the
head and upper part of the neck ferruginous,
the throat, abdomen and middle wing-feathers
white.

The DUN-DIVER.

Lath. syn. 3. p. 420.

Brit. Zool. edit. fol. p. 147. pl. N.

Le Harle femelle.

Pl. enl. 953.

This species, which is now considered as perfectly
distinct, has been often regarded as the female of
the *Mergus Merganser*. It is observed to be more
frequently

frequently seen in England than that species, and is chiefly found in the northern parts of the kingdom, frequenting lakes and rivers, and feeding on fish, &c. Its general length is about twenty-seven inches.



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