VI. *Description of the Esox Saurus. By the Rev. Thomas Rackett, M. A. F. R. S. & L. S.*

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ESOX SAURUS.

Esox rostro subulato, maxillis medio hiantibus.

TAB. V.

Rondelet. de piscibus, lib. 8. p. 232.

Gesner, lib. 4. p. 468.

Raii Syn. Pisc. p. 169.

Penn. Tour Scotland, 8vo.

—— *Brit. Zool. 3. p. 325.*

Dorsum viridi-cærulescens. Venter argenteus. Mandibula superior paululum recurvata. Pinna dorsalis et analis opposita, pinnulis utrinque sex versus caudam. Cauda bifida.

The *Esox Saurus*, Saury Pike, or Skipper, was taken near the Isle of Portland in Dorsetshire, after a hard storm, in the summer of the year 1800. Of the fishermen, one only was acquainted with it, and called it a Skipper. This species, although known to *Rondeletius* and *Gesner*, who have figured it, has not been noticed by *Linnaeus*, by *Gmelin* in the 13th edition of the *Systema Naturæ*, nor by *Bloch* in his valuable work on Fishes. *Ray* mentions its having been caught on the Cornish coast. *Pennant* has given a very indifferent figure of it in his *Tour in Scotland*, 8vo. and has made use of the same plate in his *British Zoology*.

The annexed figure represents the fish of the natural size.

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