STURNUS LUDOVICIANUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulatum, angulato-depressum, obtusiusculum : Mandibula superiore integerrima, marginibus patentiusculis.

Nares supra marginatæ.

Lingua emarginata, acuta.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 290.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

STURNUS griseo fuscoque maculatus, subtus flavus, linea capitis superciliisque albis, gula nigra.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 323.

STURNUS Ludovicianus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 290.

ALAUDA magna.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 289.

In variis Americæ Septentrionalis partibus generatur avis quam depinximus, sturno vulgari paulo major. Variat coloribus. Interdum enim evenit ut cingatur

cingatur utrinque guttur linea nigra, quæ fenfim fe dilatans quaſi lunulam nigram ducit trans pectus ; quæ lunula in aliis ſpeciminibus vix ac ne vix viſibilis eſt. Nonnullorum quoque ſpeciminum al bent remiges externi. In editione duodecima Syſtematis Linnæani dantur huic avi duo diverſa genera, Sturni nempe et Alaudæ, ab experientia autem ſatis jam compertum eſt varietates ejuſdem ſpeciei cauſam fuiſſe erroris.

THE
CRESCENT STARLING.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, depressed.

Nostrils guarded above by a prominent rim.

Tongue hard and cloven.

Middle Toe united to the outmost as far as the first joint.

Lath. Synops. 2. p. 1.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Pale-brown STARLING spotted with dusky :
beneath yellow with black throat.

Large LARK.

Catesb. Car. 1. p. 33. *pl.* 33.

Louisiiane STARE.

Lath. Syn. 2. p. 6.

Crescent STARE.

Penn. Arct. Zool. 2. p. 330.

ETOURNEAU de la Louisiane.

Buf. ois. 3. p. 192. *Pl. enl.* 256.

The bird here represented is found in several parts
of North America, and in size somewhat exceeds

the common Starling. It is subject to some variety in point of colour; the throat in some specimens being black, which descends in a dilated band beneath, so as to form a black crescent across the breast; while in others this appearance is scarce perceptible. The external tail-feathers are also white in some individuals. This bird in the twelfth edition of the *Systema Naturæ* was arranged under two different genera; viz. those of *Sturnus* and *Alauda*; but later observations have proved the varieties, which caused this impropriety, to belong to the self same species.

Shaw, George. 1798. "The Crescent Starling, *Sturnus ludovicianus* [Pl. 349]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CIX), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304531>.

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