PAPILIO LEILUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes (volatu diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PAPILIO alis caudatis concoloribus nigris, fascia lineisque viridibus nitentibus numerosis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 750.

Eq. Archiv.

Merian. Sur. t. 29.

Seb. mus. 4. t. 36. *f.* 1. 2. 3. 4.

Cram. 8. t. 85. *f.* E. F. & G. D.

Multas Americæ meridionalis partes nec non insularum Americæ adjacentium incolit pulcherrimum hoc insectum. Coloribus aliquatenus variat. Specimina nempe ab insulis delata plus habent coloris aureo-cuprei, minus autem leviter cærulei, in alarum oris. Futuris forsan phyficorum disquisitionibus

bus poterit probari, insecta insularia et Americana
revera specie differre, quamvis eadem fere sit utrif-
que facies, et affinia admodum sibi invicem videan-
tur. Larvam seu erucam prima omnium descripsit
Domina Merian, quæ afferit fetas longas crassasque
quibus obtegatur vix ac ne vix duritie cessisse totidem
filis ferreis. Larva gramineo-viret; chrysalis fusca
est, nigro maculata.

LEILUS.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ thickening towards the upper part and generally terminating in a knob.

Wings (when sitting) erect and meeting upwards.
(Flight diurnal.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Caudated black BUTTERFLY, with shining-green band and numerous narrow stripes: both surfaces of the wings nearly similar in color.

Merian's Surinam Insects. pl. 29.

Kleeman inf. 1. pl. 2. f. 1.

Aubert Pl. Enl. 71. f. 1.

This beautiful Insect is a native of many parts of South America, as well as of some of the West Indian islands. It admits of some variety in point of colors: the West Indian specimens having more of the coppery or gilded tinge, and less of the pale-blue on the edges. Future observations may also prove that the two kinds may in reality differ from each

each other, though so extremely nearly allied in their general appearance. The caterpillar or larva was first described and figured by Madam Merian, who assures us that the long and thick bristles with which it is beset are nearly as strong as iron wires: it is of a green color; and the chrysalis is brown, spotted with black.

Shaw, George. 1798. "Leilus, Papilio leilus [Pl. 360]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CXI), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304542>.

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