SCIÆNA CIRROSA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Squamæ arcte adhærentes.

Caput squamofum.

Dorsum dipterygium.

Bloch. ichth. 9. p. 27.

Thoracici.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SCIÆNA flavescent, subtus subargentea, lineis longitudinalibus obliquis nigricantibus, mento barbato.

SCIÆNA cirrofa. S. maxilla superiore longiore, inferiore cirro unico.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 481.

SCIÆNA cirro mentali.

Bloch. ichth. 9. p. 41. t. 300.

Præcipuam distinctionis notam in Sciæna genere docuit Linnæus esse fossulam quandam dorsualem in longitudinem ductam, in qua quiescere ad libitum posset pinna dorfi, et quasi abscondi. Blochio autem,

tem, qui compertum habuit non modo evidentiore
esse hanc notam in aliis multis piscibus, sed et ma-
jori parti etiam Sciænarum Linnæanarum omnino
desse, visum est alium characterem genericum feli-
gere. In pulcherrimis merito habetur species quæ
in tabula depingitur. Maria incolit Europæa et
Americana, quasi pedali ut plurimum longitudine.

THE
BEARDED SCIÆNA.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Scales strongly fixed.

Head scaled.

Back with two fins.

Thoracici.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Yellowish SCIÆNA, subargenteous beneath, with longitudinal blackish stripes, and a cirrus or beard on the under jaw.

L'UMBRE.

Rond. Hist. de Poiss. p. 120.

Will. ichth. p. 299. t. p. 19.

The genus *Sciæna* was characterized by Linnæus principally from the circumstance of a sort of longitudinal cavity or *fossula dorsalis* into which the back fin might occasionally be so far depressed as to be in a manner concealed from view. Dr. Bloch however has observed that this character, exclusive of its being found in a more striking degree in several

several other fishes, does by no means pervade the major part even of the Linnæan Sciænæ themselves; many of which are destitute of it. Dr. Bloch therefore has taken the generic character from a different circumstance. Among the most elegant species may be numbered that represented on the plate. It is a native of the European and American seas, and is commonly found of about a foot in length.

Shaw, George. 1799. "The Bearded Sciæna, Sciæna cirrosa [Pl. 366]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CXIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304548>.

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