NAIS PROBOSCIDEA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus repens, longum, lineare, pellucidum, de-
pressum.

Pedunculi fetis simplicibus.

Tentacula nulla.

Oculi duo aut nulli.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3120.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

NAIS fetis lateralibus solitariis, proboscide longa.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3121.

Müll. verm. hist. I. 2. p. 21. n. 153.

Zool. dan. prodr. 2649.

NEREIS (lacustris) linearis, lingua exserta.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1085.

Ternas unciae partes raro superat longitudine hæc species, aquarum puriorum stagnantium incola, in quibus æstivo tempore sæpius possit conspici. Cum motus generalis languide fit tranquillius, non raro tamen evenit ut corpus subito et violenter contorqueatur. Species ipsa facillime a reliquis dignoscitur,

tur, rostro seu proboscide prælonga pro corporis
magnitudine, et naturaliter exerta. Varia specimina
plus minus habent pelluciditatis. Alia omnino vi-
treæ ab ipsa aqua vix possunt distingui; alia subfusca
de longinquo evidenter discerni. In eorum anima-
lium numero est quæ mira pollent facultate se rege-
nerandi, quæque in partes duas vel plures divisa,
paucorum dierum spatio totidem perfectæ monstra-
bunt specimina.

ROSTRATED NAIS.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body repent, long, linear, pellucid, depressed.

Feet consisting of simple bristles.

Tentacula none.

Eyes two, or none.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

NAIS with single lateral bristles, and long proboscis.

Long-snouted NAIS.

The Proboscis WATER-WORM.

Trembley. hist. polyp. t. 6.

Schæff. armpolyp. 1754. t. 3.

Roef. inf. 3. p. 483. t. 78, &c.

This species, which rarely exceeds the length of about three quarters of an inch, is a native of clear stagnant waters, in which it is not uncommon during the summer months, and is remarkable for the sudden and violent contortions into which it frequently throws itself, while its more general motion is smooth and somewhat languid. As a species it is clearly distinguished from others of this genus by the

the length of its proboscis or tongue, which is naturally exerted, and of a great length in proportion to the body. In the degree of transparency this animal differs greatly in different individuals; being sometimes seen of a glassy clearness, so as scarce to be distinguishable from the water in which it swims, and at other times of a dusky cast, so as to be readily perceptible at a distance. It is one of those animals which are possessed, in a very high degree, of the power of reproduction, and if cut into two or more parts, will in a few days constitute so many complete specimens.

Shaw, George. 1799. "Rostrated Nais, Nais proboscidea [Pl. 379]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CXVI), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304561>.

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