MOSCHUS PYGMÆUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Cornua nulla.

Dentes laniarii superiores solitarii exserti.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 91.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

MOSCHUS pedibus humano digito angustioribus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 92.

Quadrupedem ungulorum si non minimum, unum tamen e minimis censetur elegantissimum hoc animal; vix feli minori magnitudine par. Scatent illo Indiæ Orientalis variæ regiones; necnon insula Java. Corpore est agili, et ingenio vivido. Primo intuitu vix ad genus Moschi pertinere videtur: cum tamen a Linnæo et Pennantio ita disponitur, quis inficias ibit? Dentes laniarii superiores in hac specie non exserti, ut in Characterè Generico, sed brevissimi sunt. Bestiolæ hujus color superiori parte plerumque est subferrugineus, inferiori albidus: sed in hoc ipso specimine (adhuc in Museo Leveriano conservato) collum fasciis albis pulchre notatum est.

THE
PYGMY MUSK.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

No *Horns*.

Two long *Tusks* in the upper jaw.

Eight small cutting *Teeth* in the lower jaw, none in the upper.

Linnæus and Pennant.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

MUSK with legs of smaller diameter than the human finger.

GUINEA MUSK.

Pennant. Hist. Quadr. p. 115.

This elegant little creature is one of the smallest of the hoofed quadrupeds, being feldom more than about 9 Inches in length; or about the size of a small cat. It abounds in several parts of the East-Indies, and is common in the island of Java. It is an animal of a very agile and lively disposition. At first view one would not be inclined to rank this creature in the genus *Moschus* or *Musk*. Yet, since both *Linnæus* and *Mr. Pennant* have agreed in so doing, we shall not object to its being thus placed. The tusks in the upper jaw are, however, very short, so that it does not shew, in a striking manner, that particular of its generic character. This little species is generally of a tawny colour above, and white below; but the individual specimen, from which this figure was taken (and which is now in the *Leverian Museum*), is streaked in a remarkable manner on the neck with white.

Shaw, George. 1789. "The Pygmy Musk, *Moschus pygmaeus* [Pl. 3]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 1(I), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310656>.

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