PHALÆNA CAJA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ fetaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ. (Volatu nocturno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 808.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHALÆNA *Bombyx* alis albis fusco maculatis ; inferioribus rubris nigro maculatis.

PHALÆNA *Bombyx* elinguis, alis deflexis fuscis, rivulis albis ; inferioribus purpureis nigro punctatis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 819.

Goed. inf. t. 17.

Roes. inf. 1. phal. 2. t. 1.

Mouff. inf. 93. f. 15.

Aldr. inf. 246. f. 11. 12.

Polyphaga vocatur larva pulcherrimi hujus insecti ; depascitur nempe varia gramina, plantaginem, et alia vegetabilia. In chrysalidem plerumque convertitur mense Junio, tela quadam tenui cooperta. Erumpere solet phalæna mensibus Julio et Augusto.

THE
TIGER MOTH.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ or *Horns* setaceous, decreasing in size from the base to the point.

Wings, when at rest, genenerally deflected.

Flight mostly nocturnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

PHALÆNA with the upper wings cream-coloured, spotted with brown; the lower wings red, spotted with black.

The Great Tiger Moth.

Merian. inf. Eur. t. 5.

Albin. inf. t. 20.

Degeer. inf. 1. t. 12. f. 8. 9.

Seba. 4. p. 63. t. 52. fig. f. 1—4.

Sepp. inf. 4. t. 9. f. 2.

The Larva or Caterpillar of this beautiful Moth is of a polyphagous nature; feeding indiscriminately on grafs, plantain, and a variety of other vegetables. It commonly changes to a chrysalis in June, enveloping itself in a web of a flight texture. The Moth appears in July and August.

Shaw, George. 1797. "The Tiger Moth, *Phalæna caja* [Pl. 288]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 8(XCIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310831>.

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