SILURUS MILITARIS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput nudum, magnum, latum; *Os* cirris tentaculatum.

Corpus elongatum, compressum, squamis nudum, mucosum; *pinnarum* pectoralium aut dorsalis radius primus spinosus, retro dentatus.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SILURUS offibus duobus capitis erectis, pinna dorfi postica adiposa, linea laterali flexuosa.

SILURUS pinna dorsali, postica adiposa, cirris duobus rigidis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 1356.

SILURUS offibus duobus erectis in capite.

Bloch. ichth. 11. p. 13. t. 362.

Facie habituque peculiari magis quam pulchritudine notabilis *Silurus militaris*, flumina incolit Surinamensia, crescitque interdum in magnam molem. More aliorum congenerum, pisces minores, reliquaque ejusmodi prædando se sustentat. A splendidissimo opere Domini Blochii similitudinem hanc nostram mutuati sumus.

THE MILITARY SILURUS.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Head naked, large, broad; *Mouth* bearded with cirri.

Body elongated, compressed, without scales, covered with mucus: the first ray of the dorsal or pectoral fins ferrated by reversed prickles.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

SILURUS with two upright bones on the head, an adipose back-fin, and flexuous lateral line.
The armed or military SILURUS.

The military Silurus, more distinguished by the singularity than the beauty of its appearance, is an inhabitant of the rivers of Surinam, where it sometimes grows to a very large size. Like the rest of the Siluri it is of a predacious nature, and feeds on the smaller fishes, &c. The present figure is taken from the splendid work of Dr. Bloch.

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