CATAPHRACTUS COSTATUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus Cataphractum.

Os terminale.

Bloch. ichth. 11. p. 65.

Abdominales.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CATAPHRACTUS ordine scutorum simplici,
pinna caudæ lunata.

Bloch. ichth. 11. p. 66.

Mystus cirris sex longissimis, &c.

Gronov. Mus. 2. p. 24.

Silurus CATAPHRACTUS. S. pinna dorsali
postica adiposa squamis serie simplici, cirris
sex, cauda bifida.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 506.

A Blochio institutum genus *Cataphractus* per-
paucas continet species, quæ ut in Siluris dispo-
nerentur auctor erat Linnæus. Cataphractum
costatum, qui exemplum præbeat generis, selegi-
mus, maria incolentem Americana, et corpus ha-
bentem præduris laminis armatum. Magnitudo ei
ut plurimum est quasi *Cyprini Carpionis*.

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THE
RIBBED SOLDIER-FISH,

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body mailed.

Mouth terminal,

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SOLDIER-FISH with a simple row of shields,
and lunated tail.

The American SOLDIER-FISH.

The RIBBED SILURE.

The genus *Cataphractus*, instituted by Dr. Bloch, contains but a very small number of species, which by Linnæus were arranged under the genus *Silurus*. The *Cataphractus costatus*, selected as an example of the genus, is a native of the American seas, and is remarkable for the very strong or bony armature of the body. It is about the size of a common Carp.

Shaw, George. 1802. "The Ribbed Soldier-Fish, *Cataphractus costatus* [Pl. 538]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 13(CLI), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310983>.

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