SPHINX JATROPHÆ.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Alæ subprismaticæ, utroque fine attennatæ.

Lingua exserta (plerisque).

Palpi duo reflexi.

Alæ deflexæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2371.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SPHINX grisea, alis superioribus nigro undulatis, corpore utrinque ocellis tribus luteis nigro marginatis.

SPHINX JATROPHÆ. S. alis subdentatis, posticis nigris basi rufis fasciaque fenestrata, capite bicorni.

Fab. Sp. Ins. 2. p. 143.

In Surinamia innascitur Sphinx Jatrophæ, nec non in aliis Americæ Australis regionibus. Memoravit et depinxit hanc speciem celeberrima Domina Merian. Larva Jatrophæ gossypifoliæ ramulos præcipue depascitur.

THE
JATROPHA SPHINX.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ subprismatic, attenuated at each extremity.

Tongue generally exerted.

Feelers two, reflex.

Wings deflected.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Grey SPHINX, with the upper wings undulated with black, and the body ocellated on each side by three yellow spots with black margins.

Merian Ins. Surin. pl. 38.

This insect is an inhabitant of Surinam, as well as of some other parts of South America, and is figured by the celebrated Madam Merian, in her work on the Insects of Surinam. The caterpillar feeds chiefly on the shoots of the *Jatropha gossypifolia*.

Shaw, George. 1805. "The Jatropha Sphinx, *Sphinx jatrophae* [Pl. 679-680]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 16(CXCI), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.311118>.

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