TESTUDO SERPENTINA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus caudatum, lorica ossea aut coriacea superne et inferne, vel squamis superne obtectum.

Oris mandibula superiore inferiorem pyxidum instar claudens.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

Testudo serpentina. T. testa ovali depressa, trifariam convexa, squamis acuminatis, margine postico rotundato acute serrato.

Schoepf. Test. p. 28. t. 6.

Testudo serpentina. T. pedibus digitatis, testa subcarinata, postice obtusa, acute quinque-dentata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 354.

Testudinem serpentinam alunt plurimæ regiones Americæ tam septentrionalis quam australis, aquas stagnantes incolentem, pisces et animalia aquatica prædantem; libras viginti vel plures pondere æquantem. Color generalis est sordide fusco-castaneus, subtus pallidior.

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THE
SNAKE TORTOISE.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body defended by a bony covering coated by a
horny, scaly, or coriaceous integument.

Mouth without distinct or proper teeth; the
upper mandible closing over the lower.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Tortoise with ovate, depressed, triply carinated, sharp-scaled shell, rounded and acutely serrated at the posterior margin.

Snake Tortoise.

Gen. Zool. 3. p. 72.

Serrated Tortoise.

Penn. Arct. Zool. suppl. p. 97.

This species is a native of many parts both of North and South America, inhabiting stagnant waters, growing to the weight of twenty pounds or more, and preying on fish and various other aquatic animals. Its general colour is a dull chesnut brown, lighter or paler beneath.

Shaw, George. 1813. "Testudo serpentina, The Snake Tortoise [Pl. 1062]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 24(CCLXXXVII), -. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.322341>.

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