

2. *Cenchrus piscivorus*. *Trigonocephalus piscivorus*, Holbrook, N. Amer. Erpet. t. 13.

Inhabits North America.

c. *Subcaudal shields one-rowed: tail ending in a rattle: head more or less shielded.* Crotalina.

VIII. CAUDISONA, Fitz. *Crotalophorus*, Gray. Head with 9 large shields behind the eyes.

1. *Caudisona miliarius*. *Crotalus miliarius*, Linn. Schlegel, 569, t. 20, fig. 17, 18. *C. tergeminus*, Shaw.

Inhabits North America. Brit. Mus.

IX. UROPSOPHUS, Wagler. "Superciliary shields large; crown of head covered with scales."

1. *Uropsophus triseriatus*, Wagler. *Crotalus durissus*, var. Schlegel, 565. Inhabits Mexico.

X. CROTALUS, Linn. Head with small shields before the eyes; occiput covered with scales.

* *Nose with three pairs of symmetrical plates.*

1. *Crotalus horridus*, Daud. *C. cascavella*, Spix; Schlegel, 561, t. 20, fig. 12—14.

Inhabits North America. Brit. Mus.

** *Nose with one pair of symmetrical plates.*

2. *Crotalus atricaudatus*, Latr. *Crot. durissus*, Daud. v. t. 68, fig. 1, 2. Schlegel, 565, t. 20, fig. 15, 16. *Crot. horridus*, Guérin, Icon. t. 23, fig. 2. *Crot. confluentus*, Say?

Inhabits America. Brit. Mus.

See also Holbrook, N. Amer. Erpet. t. 15, 16, 17.

Description of some hitherto unrecorded species of Australian Reptiles and Batrachians. By J. E. GRAY, F.R.S., &c.

In the Appendix to Capt. Grey's Narrative of two excursions in Australia, I published a list of the species of reptiles then recorded as inhabiting that country. The following new species have since fallen under my notice; they are chiefly from a collection made by Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gould's collector, at Port Essington, which has been purchased from the latter gentleman by the British Museum; two of the others were some time ago presented to the Museum collection, with a number of other Australian animals, by Mr. Buchanan. This makes the number of species now known to inhabit Australia 138.

Tiliqua Essingtonii. Pale brown, in spirits: sides black, with a very distinct, narrow, silvery streak from the back angle of the eye to over the

zonge-shaped: the ventral shields distinctly keeled on each side: head elongate; pupil round; eye large: loreal shield narrow, elongate; 1 high anterior and 1 narrow posterior ocular shields. Young: tail with a slate-coloured central streak beneath.

Inhabits North coast of New Holland; Port Essington.

Elaps ornatus, Gray. Whitish, in spirits; scales of the back and sides hexagonal, smooth, beautifully black-edged: lips and beneath white; head to the end of the occipital shields, and a broad band on the nape, black; the head flattened; eyes small, superior, pupil round, small: rostral low; the anterior frontal subtriangular, the hinder nearly square, bent down on the sides; the hinder nasal scales very small, trigonal; loreal shield none: 1 superior anterior ocular and 2 posterior: tail elongate, tapering, with 2 large series of scales on the upper part of its base.

Inhabits Australia, (Swan River?); W. Buchanan, Esq.

Naja australis. Uniform pale brown, in spirits, rather paler below: anterior ocular short, broad, triangular, 2 posterior oculars square.

Inhabits North coast of New Holland; Port Essington.

This scarcely differs from *N. Hage* of Africa, except in having only 2 posterior ocular plates, and this may be only accidental in the individual.

Morelia variegata, Gray, 'Synopsis of Boidæ,' p. 43. Head-shields small, numerous, with a 6-sided, central, larger vertebral: frontal plates 3 pairs, small, front triangular; 3 front upper labial shields pitted, hinder one obscurely so; front lower shields elongate, narrow.

Inhabits Australia; Port Essington.

Nardoa Gilberti, Gray, 'Synopsis of Boidæ,' v. p. 45.

Inhabits the North Coast of New Holland; Mr. Gilbert.

Liasis olivacea, Gray, 'Synopsis of Boidæ,' v. p. 45.

Inhabits the North Coast of Australia; Port Essington, Mr. Gilbert.

Asturia elegans, Gray, 'Synopsis of Hydridæ,' p.

Inhabits the North coast of New Holland; Port Essington, Mr. Gilbert.

Homolopsis australis, Gray, 'Synopsis of Hydridæ,' p.

Inhabits the North coast of New Holland; Port Essington, Mr. Gilbert.

Hydraspis Victoriae, Gray. Shell ovate, convex, blackish brown marbled with grey and rather rugose above, beneath convex, yellow olive, with slight, impressed, narrow, netted grooves: vertebral plates nearly square, as long as broad, the fourth 6-sided, elongate; the marginal plates rather narrow in front, broader and slightly bent upon the sides, dilated, rather produced, and leaving 2 or 3 notches over the tail behind; the sternum narrow, rather convex, shelving on the sides, and with a broad rounded notch behind. The back is regularly convex: the front cavity is much contracted by two rather diverging septa, only leaving a space almost half the width of the outer opening; the sternum is only about one third the width of the lower surface in the middle, and rather tapering behind: the vertebral column is sharply keeled within, and the bones of the pelvis are very strong: the first and second marginal plates are rather broad, the third narrow, the fourth and rest broader; the middle of the fourth and eleventh is opposite the suture between the costal plate.

Inhabits Victoria River, North-west coast of New Holland; Captain William Campbell, R.N.