

IX. *A Continuation of an Account of an Essay towards a Natural History of Carolina, and the Bahama Islands, by Mark Catesby, F. R. S. with some Extracts out of the Sixth Set; by Dr. Mortimer, R. S. Secret.*

Accounts of the first five Sets, which compose the first Volume of this beautiful Work, have been given in N^o. 415, 420, and 426, of these *Transactions*. The Author designs in this second Volume to exhibit the *Fish, Reptiles, Quadrupeds*, and several sorts of *Plants*; in the former Volume having treated chiefly of the *Birds and Trees*. This sixth Set, or first Part of the second Volume, contains the Figures and Descriptions of *Fish*. In Plate

1. *Umbla minor marina, maxillis longioribus.* vid. Sloane Hist. Jam. Tab. 247. fig. 3. The *Barracuda*. The Flesh of this *Fish* is very unwholesome, and frequently poisonous.

Vulpis Bahamensis.

2. *Perca marina Gibbosa cinerea.* The *Margate-Fish*. This is esteem'd very good Meat.

Saurus ex cinereo nigricans. The *Sea Sparrow-Hawk*.

3. *Perca marina, pinna Dorfi divisa.* The *Croker*. This *Fish* is tolerable good Meat.

Perca marina rubra. The *Squirrel*. It is a good eating *Fish*.

4. *Perca marina, Rhomboidalis, fasciata.* The *Pork-Fish*. The *Bahamians* esteem this a good *Fish*.

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Perca marina, pinnis branchialibus carens.
The School-maſter.

5. *Perca marina, venenofa, punctata.* The *Rock-Fiſh*. This *Fiſh* is reckon'd the moſt poiſonous of any among the *Bahama* Iſlands. Many of theſe *Fiſh*, which are poiſonous in one Place, are not ſo in another; and tho' the Inhabitants can give a near Gueſs, yet they are ſometimes miſerably deceiv'd.

6. *Perca marina capite ſtriato.* The *Grunt*.
Albula Bahamenſis. The [*Bahama*] *Mullet*. It is eſteemed a good eating *Fiſh*, and is caught in great Plenty.

7. *Perca marina puncticulata.* The *Negro Fiſh*.

Perca marina, cauda nigra. The *Black-Tail*.

8. *Hirundo.* The *Flying-Fiſh*. The Wings with which it flies in the Air, are only a Pair of very large Finns, which ſerve as ſuch in the Water, and make it a very ſwift Swimmer. It is a good eating *Fiſh*.

Perca marina, ſectatrix. The *Rudder-Fiſh*, ſo called becauſe they are always ſeen following Ships, or ſticking to the Rudders.

Perca fluviatilis gibboſa, ventre luteo. The *Freſh-Water-Pearch*. By ſome called *Ground-Pearch*, from their burrowing into and covering themſelves in the Mud or Sand.

9. *Turdus pinnis branchialibus carens.* The *Mangrove Suapper*. It is eſteemed pretty good Food.

10. *Turdus rhomboïdalis.* The *Tang*. This *Fiſh* hath on each ſide the Tail a ſharp pointed Bone, which it can erect in its own Defence.

Turdus cauda convexa. The *Yellow-Fish*.

11. *Turdus flavus.* The *Hog-Fish*.

Turdus cinereus, peltatus. The *Shad*. This *Fish* hath an oval bony Substance upon his Nose, like a [*Pelta*] small Shield. It is esteemed a good *Fish*.

12. *Turdus, oculo radiato.* The *Pudding-Wife*. Round the Eye spread seven blue Rays, at almost equal Distances, but of unequal Lengths.

Alburnus Americanus. The *Carolina-Whiting*. This is accounted tolerable good Meat.

13. *Mormyrus, ex cinereo nigricans.* The *Bone-Fish*.

Corallina fruticosa elatior; ramis, quaquaversum expansis, teretibus. Sloane Hist. Jam. Vol. I. p. 57. The *Sea-Feather*. This *Plant*, and also the great *Sea-Fan* grow upright as most *Land-Plants* do; and do not grow horizontally as is usually thought.

14. *Cugupuguacu, Brasil.* Sloane Hist. Jam. p. 247. The *Hind*. It is esteemed a good *Fish* to eat.

Saltatrix. The *Skip-Jack*. It hath obtained its Name from its frequent Skipping out of the Water. It is tolerable good Meat.

15. *Suillus.* The great *Hog-Fish*.

16. *Aurata Bahamensis.* The *Porgy*. It is a good eating *Fish*.

17. *Salpa purpurascens variegata.* The *Lane-Snapper*.

Petimbubo, Brasil. Willough. p. 233. and App. 22. The *Tobacco-Pipe Fish*. It is long and slender like a Pipe, whence it hath receiv'd its *English* Name.

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18. *Novacula cærulea*. Will. p. 214. Tab. O. 2.
The *Blue-Fish*.

19. *Unicornis Piscis, Bahamensis*. The *Bahama Unicorn-Fish*. These *Fish* grow only to two or three Feet in length, and a little behind the Eyes have an Horn about nine Inches long, which they can move at pleasure. They are accounted poisonous.

20. *Muræna maculata, nigra vel viridis*. The *Muray*. The Inhabitants of the *Bahama* Islands eat only the Green sort, esteeming the Black ones poisonous to eat; yet the Bite of them is not venomous.

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