

V. *Characters of a new Genus of Coleopterous Insects of the Family Byrrhidae. By William Elford Leach, M.D. F.R.S. and L.S.*

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MURMIDIUS.

Genus novum.

Antennæ 10-articulatæ : articulus 1 crassus maximus : 2 magnus angustior : articuli 3—9 angustiores filiformes (articulis 3—8 subglobosis ; 9 elongato) : articulus 10 clavam abruptam ovato-globosam efformans.

Palpi maxillares et labiales filiformes ; articulus ultimus apicem versus paulo angustior.

Corpus orbiculato-ovatum.

Tibiæ compressæ, ultra medium gradatim latiores, apice abruptissimè acuminatæ : *tarsi* filiformes.

Spec. 1. MURMIDIUS *ferrugineus*.

M. *ferrugineus*, antennis pedibusque (illis præsertim) dilutioribus, elytris fortiter punctato-striatis : punctis impressis.

Long. corp. $\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

I am indebted to Sir Joseph Banks for this highly interesting genus : it was found in a box of seeds and fruits received from China, in considerable plenty, attaching itself more especially to such as contained saccharine matter.