

Mr. Gray on the Slender-tongued Saurians. 281

Inhab. Egypt.

*Scapteira lineata*. (*Ida lineata*, Gray, MSS. B. M.) Greenish; back and base of the tail with six bright blue longitudinal streaks; beneath yellowish; scales of the back rather large, rhombic, keeled; of the base of the tail short, sharply keeled.

Inhab. N. Africa.

b. *Præanal shields similar, but narrower; abdominal shields 10 or 12-rowed, contracted behind; interparietal plate rudimentary.*

*Scapteira maculata*. (*Ida maculata*, Gray, MSS. B. M.) Savigny Rept. Egypt, t. 1, f. 9.?? Greenish, with a broad pale dorsal streak, marked with indistinct blackish spots; sides of the back blackish, with three or four series of longitudinal oblong pale spots; scales of the back small, rhombic, acutely keeled; of the base of the tail broad, short; toes slightly fringed.

Inhab. Tripoli.

c. *Præanal shields unequal; the hinder central one large, the rest smaller, placed in an arched series; abdominal plates, 12-rowed.* *Ida.*

*Scapteira inornata*. (*Ida inornata*, Gray, MSS. B. M.) Greenish olive; tail paler, with a dark streak on each side; beneath silvery white; scales of the back small, ovate, acutely keeled; of the base of the tail broad; præanal scales 10 or 12, subequal, with small scales on the sides, placed in four transverse subalternating series.

Inhab. Tripoli.

*Scapteira punctulata*. (*Ida punctulata*, Gray, B. M.) Olive; back with six longitudinal series of small distant blackish dots; tail and cheeks brown varied; beneath whitish; scales of the back small, convex, rather rhombic, smooth; of the tail elongate, narrow.

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*Scapteira nebulosa*. (*Ida nebulosa*, Gray, MSS. B. M.) Pale olive; back with three series of rather large distant black spots; tail elongated, with a series of black dots on each side; scales of back minute, granular, smooth, flattish, of upper part of tail elongated, truncated.

Inhab. Egypt.

*Scapteira leiocerca*. (*Ida leiocerca*, Gray, MSS. B. M.) Olive black, varied with brown, leaving six series of small round pale spots, and six series of large oblong transverse pale spots, placed between the others; scales of the back small, rhombic, acute, smooth; of the base of the tail large, similar, smooth.

Inhab. —.

† The toes of *S. inornata* are longly, of *S. inæqualis*, *S. maculata*,