upper plate, and from it issues the tentacle (r), while below is attached the rough, cylindrical tentacle scale or arm spine.

In several respects this genus leans towards the Ophiuridæ; as in its large teeth in a single row, its solid radial shields, and its well formed under arm plates.

Table of Species of Astroschema.

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	Diameter of Disk to length of Arm.	Width of Arm to diameter of Disk.	Grains in 1 mm. long on upper arm at its buse.		
Disk and arms beset with minute conical spines, or sharp grains.	1:15	1:3	4	Disk spines set on little plates which pave the disk and arms.	Astroschema horridum.
	1:17	1:3	4–5	Disk grains sharp, even far out on arms. Tentacle scales not anywhere longer than a joint, and scarcely clubbed.	Astroschema oliyactes.
	1:17	1:3½	5	Grains far out on arms, rounded. Tentacle scales often as long as 1½ joints, but scarcely clubbed.	Astroschema tumidum.
Disk and arms covered by a smooth granulation.	arm moderate.	$1:2\frac{1}{2}$	4	Disk grains close-set, smooth, and very large.	Astroschema arenosum.
	1:15	$1:2\frac{1}{2}$	9–15	Disk grains very fine, smooth, and even. Two tentacle scales do not begin till beyond the eighth pore.	Astroschema læve.
	1:10	1:3	7–8	Arms short. Disk flat and even. Under tentacle scale at end of arm becomes a compound hook.	Astroschema salix.
	1:13	$1:3\frac{1}{2}$	6–7	Mouth tentacles in tubes. Lower tentacle scale, near end of arm, very long but not clubbed.	Astroschema rubrum.
	1:15	1:3	•••	Disk grains spaced and arranged in concentric lines.	Astroschema steenstrupii.
	arm long.		12	No tentacle scale till fourth pore, then one till the twelfth, after which two (an ill-defined species).	Astroschema sulcatum.
	1:33	1:4	8–9	Arms extremely long and thin	Astroschema tenue.
	1:24	1:4	6–9	Arm much higher than wide.	Astroschema brachiatum.
Arm granulated above, but naked below.	1:24	1:7	7		Astroschema intectum.
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