

There is an example of this species in the collection made during the "Porcupine" Expedition, but no record of the locality or depth is given. It is perhaps the starfish referred to by Sir Wyville Thomson¹ as "a fine *Scytaster*, probably identical with the *Asterias canariensis* of d'Orbigny." This erroneous view of the identity of the *Asterias longipes* of Retzius with the *Asterias canariensis* of d'Orbigny had been previously suggested by Lütken,² and the form was ranked by him as a *Scytaster*. There is no other example belonging to this family in the "Porcupine" collection, received by me.

The starfish which bears Gray's name of *Astropecten longipes* in the British Museum is a *Chataster longipes*; and there appears to be little doubt that this is the form named by Gray, notwithstanding the contradictory character of some of the statements in his short diagnosis of the species.

Subfamily LINCKIIDÆ, Sladen, 1888.

Genus *Fromia*, Gray.

Linckia (pars), Müller and Troschel, Monatsber. d. k. preuss. Akad. d. Wiss. Berlin, April 1840, p. 103.

Fromia, Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1840 (December), vol. vi. p. 286.

Scytaster (pars), Müller and Troschel, System der Asteriden, 1842, p. 34.

This genus was removed from the Linckiidæ by Viguier,³ and placed in his family Goniasteridæ; I prefer, however, to revert to Perrier's classification of the form amongst the Linckiidæ. The genus is essentially an inhabitant of the tropics, and the type species may be regarded as a common form.

Chorology of the Genus Fromia.

a. *Geographical distribution:—*

INDIAN OCEAN: Three species between the parallels of 30° N. and 30° S.

Fromia milleporella, from the Red Sea, Mauritius, Madagascar, Ceylon, and extending into the Eastern Archipelago and Pacific.
Fromia tumida, from Ceylon. *Fromia indica*, exact locality unknown; recorded as "mers de l'Inde."

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO: Two species between the parallels of 10° N. and 10° S.

Fromia milleporella, from the Moluccas and Amboina (*vide de Loriol*), extends into the Indian Ocean and also into the Pacific.
Fromia monilis, from Amboina.

¹ Depths of the Sea, p. 171.

² Videnskab. Medd. naturh. Foren. i Kjøbenhavn, for 1864, p. 169.

³ Archives de Zool. exper., 1878, t. vii. p. 166.