

Marcgrave the two names of *carigueya* and *taïibi* are found in the same article, where it is said, that this animal is called *carigueya* in Brasil, and *taïibi* in Paraguay. There is afterwards a description of the *carigueya* taken from Ximenes ; and then another is given of the animal called *taïibi*, by the Brasilians ; *cachorro domato*, by the Portuguese, and *hooschratte*, or the rat of the wood, by the Dutch. Marcgrave does not say this is an animal different from the *carigueya*, but on the contrary, considers it as the male of that species ; and it appears clearly, that the male and female opossum were called *taïibi* in Paraguay, and that in Brasil they gave the name of *taïibi* to the male, and that of *carigueya* to the female. Besides, the difference between those two animals, such as it is indicated by their descriptions, is too inconsiderable to conclude they are not the same species. The most essential is, the colour of the hair, which in the *carigueya* is yellow and brown, and grey in the *taïibi*, the hairs of which are white at their bottom, and brown or black at the extremities. It is therefore more than probable, that the *taïibi* is the male opossum. Mr. Ray seems to be of that opinion, when speaking of the *carigueya*, and the *taïibi*. Yet, notwithstanding Marcgrave's authority,  
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