



The Pterosaur Database

Dsungaripterus sp.

Left proximal wing phalange from the Lower Cretaceous Amagodani Formation, Shokawa, Gifu Prefecture, Japan.

Holotype: NSM PV15005



Originally thought to be a Pteranodon wing phalange.

Unwin D. M., Manabe M., Shumizu K. and Hasegawa Y., 1996, First record of Pterosaurs from the Early Cretaceous Tetori Group: a Wing-phalange from the Amagodani Formation in Shokawa, Gifu Prefecture, Japan. *Bulletin of the National Science Museum, series C. Vol. 22, (1, 2) 22 June 1996*

Abstract: We report on the first pterosaur from the Tetori Group of Central Honshu, Japan. It was found in the non-marine Early Cretaceous Amagodani Formation, Shokawa, Gifu Prefecture. An incomplete proximal wing-phalange is assigned to Drungaripteridae gen. et. sp. Indet. The bone is relatively thick-walled for a pterosaur: the ratio of the internal to external diameter (K), is approximately 0.55. This might have been an adaptation for reducing the risk of breakage or for thermal soaring over land.