



Parapsicephalus purdoni

A skull from the Upper Lias, Alum Shale of Whitby, Yorkshire, England. This specimen revealed an intact brain cast.

There are casts of the original skull in the Natural History Museum, London which were made prior to the brain-cast being exposed by the removal of cranial bones.

A second and unpublished find of a similar skull of about 16cm length has come from the Epsilon Lias of Altdorf in Germany (1994)



Type specimen: British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Nottingham, U.K. (Newton 1888)

Newton E. T., **1888**, On the skull, brain and auditory organ of a new species of pterosaurian (*Scaphognathus purdoni*) from the Upper Lias near Whitby, Yorkshire. Proceedings of the Royal Society, London. 43, pages 436–440.

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Pseudonyms

Scaphognathus purdoni



The Altdorf specimen