



Calamospondylus oweni

FOX, W., in Anon. 1866. Another Wealden reptile. *Athenaeum*, 2014, 740

The Rev. W. Fox, of the Isle of Wight, who last summer discovered his *Polacanthus Foxxi* has just brought to light another new Wealden saurian.

The discovered parts of this animal are similar to the bones of the sacrum, consisting of five cemented vertebrae with the sacral ribs and portions of the other iliac bones. The remains, therefore, are quite sufficient to show that the reptile to which they belonged was of the Dinosaurian order, It was small compared with the other monsters of the world of efts, the sacrum only being only six inches in length; yet apart from its size it had as much of novelty about it as some of the previously discovered dragons. The bones are more hollow, light and compact in structure than the bones of birds, and quite as much as those of the pterodactyls, with foramina for the admission of air into them, like the bones of the last-named reptiles. Such a formation was evidently given for the purpose of leaping from tree to tree or for bounding from the grasp of other reptiles with an elasticity of spring equalling that of the grasshopper. With the approval of Prof. Owen, who has examined the bones, this new reptile has been dedicated to him by it's discoverer, who has given it the descriptive name of "*Calamospondylus Oweni*," from the fact of its backbones being hollow, smooth and compact like a reed



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