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EARLY JURASSIC PERIOD 200 MILLION YEARS OLD

SIZE: 15.5CM HIGH X 19.5CM WIDE X 7.5CM DEEP

LITERATURE

DAPEDIUM WERE DEEP BODIED FISH OVAL IN OUTLINE AND Laterally compressed. It had large dorsal, anal and pelvic fins and a fan shaped tail. The skull bones were distinctively ornamented with round projections and the eyes were surrounded by a ring of plates. At the front of the mouth were nipping upright teeth, which gave way to a pavement of circular crushing teeth at the back.

This particular and important fossil Dapedium is formed of Whitby Jet and has a remarkable black jewel like surface. It is one of only twenty known specimens of fossil jet fish.