

Artifact of the Month

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Welcome to another edition of: “What animal does this belong to?”

Unfortunately, a good amount of the artifacts we assess often don't get identified. This is mostly due to fragmentation and sometimes even if we can identify a bone, we sometimes can't tell what animal it comes from. For example, we see A LOT of salamander vertebrae but are not always able to identify what species they come from (check out last month's AOM for more details). This is unfortunately the case for this month's artifact and we are asking if anyone has any ideas, feel free to let us know!

The below pictures are two pieces of a sacrum that fit together! These bones are a rare find (usually we don't ever get sacral pieces) and luckily the most recognizable sections were recovered: the base, sacral promontory, and one ala/wing section. Regrettably, we cannot identify which animal this sacrum comes from. We do know that it is mammalian and probably comes from a medium to small sized animal; somewhere between a coyote and a rabbit.

We would love to hear your answers!

Base



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Ala/Wing



Promontory

