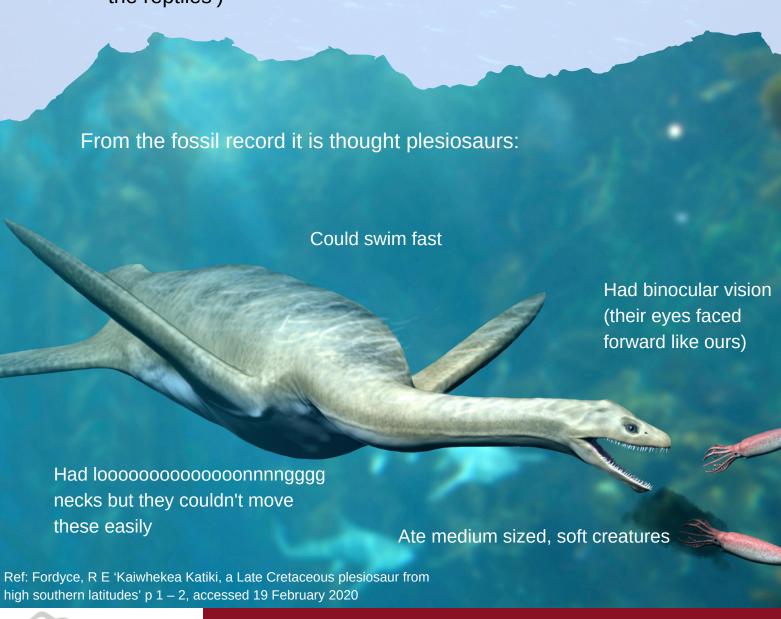
70 MILLION YEARS AGO PLESIOSAUR

A seven-metre-long plesiosaur was found in a massive concretion (boulder made of hardened mudstone) at Matakaea/Shag Point.

FUN FACTS:

- The Shag Point plesiosaur is called Kaiwhekea katiki
- Kaiwhekea katiki is 70 million years old!
- Plesiosaurs went extinct at the same time as the dinosaurs around 65 million years ago
- Plesiosaurs were NOT dinosaurs
- Plesiosaurs were marine reptiles (their name means 'nearer to the reptiles')





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