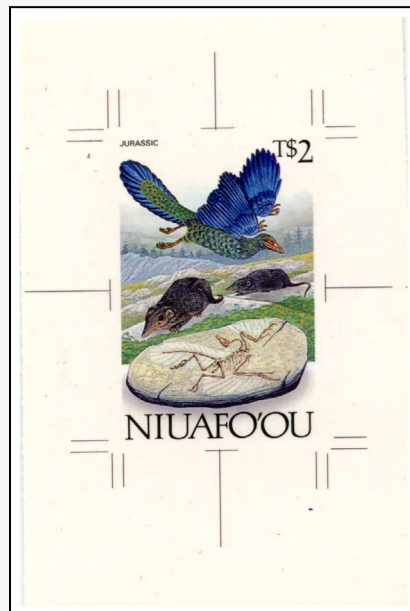


The Berlin Specimen

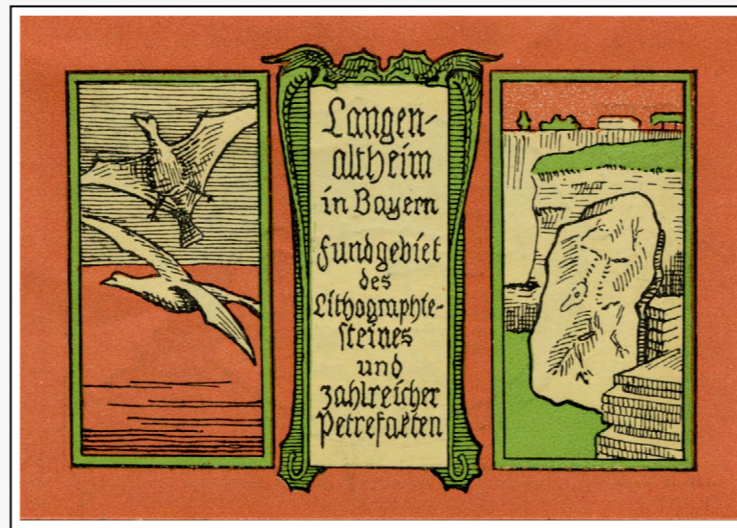
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An Archaeopteryx ??



Color layout proof

The fossil was found near Blumenberg, Germany and is an extraordinary specimen, mainly due to its complete head even though it's badly crushed. The Museum in Berlin bought the fossil from Karl Haberlein's son, a collector / owner of the 1861 example and described in 1884 by Wilhelm Barnim Dames (1843-1898).



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The neck is bent backwards due to muscles relaxing after death.

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The Berlin specimen has many characteristics identical to *Archaeopteryx lithographica*. However, modern analysis indicates several new features which result in a new species *Archaeornis siemensii*.

Archaeornis siemensii Dames - 1897

Archaeornithes : Archaeopterygidae
Locality : Solnhofen, Bavaria, Germany
Age : Late Jurassic (Early Tithonian)
150 million years ago

Illustrated cancel used in Solnhofen post office for museum mail

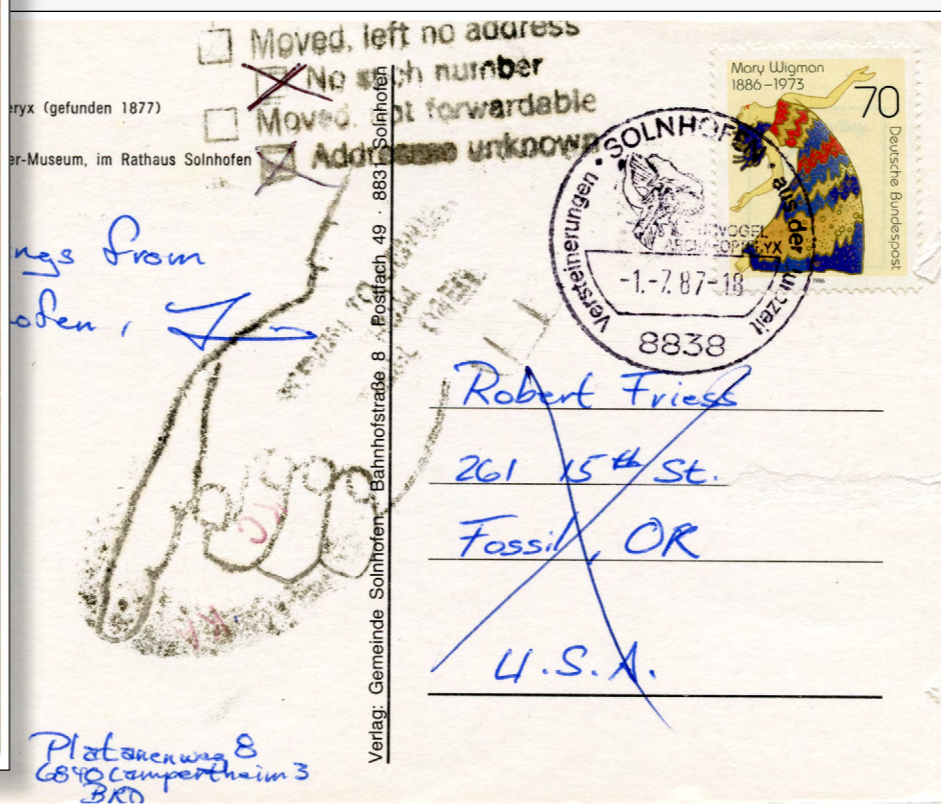


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The wings may have been capable of flight, but are also thought to be associated with acting as a trap for small prey.



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