

Dino Pit Discoveries

Bouldin Creek Starfish

Crateraster

These starfish fossils are special because they are so rare. When starfish die they tend to fall apart easily or get eaten, so these must have been buried quickly in order to be preserved as a fossil.

Starfish are invertebrates that can be found in oceans all over the world. These Crateraster fossils were found in Bouldin Creek, here in Travis County. Imagine, when these starfish lived 85 million years ago, this part of Texas was covered by a shallow sea.

