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Scientific Name: *K. aethiopicus*

Name Origin: "kentros" Greek for sharp point or spike and "saurus" meaning lizard, named in 1915

Discoverer: 1909 by a team lead by Werner Janensch

Type of Dinosaur: Stegosaurid

Geological Period: Late Jurassic
(Kimmeridgian-Tithonian)

Age: ~152 million years

Height: ~1.5 meters (4.92 feet) top of back
(not including spines)

Length: 4.5 meters (14.76 feet)

Mass: 1-1.5 tonnes (2,205-3,307 pounds)

Diet: Herbivore

Location: Tanzania

Fun Facts: *Kentrosaurus* has a double row of plates running down its neck and back, as well as spikes over its shoulder and tail. The spikes were probably used for defense against predators.

Further Investigation: Research the dinosaurs that lived at the same time as *Kentrosaurus*. Which dinosaurs may have been predators?



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