

Did you know?

- Dinosaurs are a group of reptiles that have lived on Earth for about 245 million years.
- In 1842, the English naturalist
 Sir Richard Owen coined the
 term 'Dinosauria', derived from
 the Greek deinos, meaning
 'fearfully great' and sauros,
 meaning 'lizard'.
- Dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents.
- All non-avian dinosaurs went extinct about 66 million years ago.
- There are roughly 700 known species of extinct dinosaurs.
- Modern birds are a kind of dinosaur because they share a common ancestor with non-avian dinosaurs.







About the size of a wolf, the

75 million years ago in western

eyes and excellent vision. It also

smell and hearing. Its mouth was

full of sharp teeth, and it had a

large 'sickle claw' on each foot.

Type of dinosaur: Small theropod

USA and Canada. It had large

probably had a good sense of

Dromaeosaurs lived about

The Tyrannosaurus Rex more commonly know as The T-Rex was found stomping around the USA and Canada 65 million years ago. The T-Rex had 50 - 60 banana-sized teeth in it's mouth and a brain twice the size of most other hunting dinosaurs.

Type of dinosaur: Large theropod

Length: 12 metres **Weight:** 7000 kg **Diet:** Carnivorous

Teeth: Banana-sized bone crushing pointed teeth **Food:** Other animals **How it moved:** On 2 legs

When it lived: Late Cretaceous, 68-66 million years ago

Found in: Canada, USA

Jennifer the Venenifer

The Venenifer more commonly known as a Dilophosaurus, was an 8 foot high runner that could move at a speed of up to 30 miles per hour when hunting fish and smaller carnivores. It even had an opposable thumb just like we do!

Type of dinosaur: Large theropod

Length: 6 metres **Weight:** 300 kg **Diet:** Carnivorous

Teeth: Lots of sharp and curved teeth

Food: Other animals
How it moved: On 2 legs
When it lived: Early Jurassic,

Found in: USA

Teeth: Small, razor-sharp teeth

Food: Vertebrates

Diet: Carnivorous

Length: 1.8 metres

Weight: 15 kg

How it moved: On 2 legs

When it lived: Late Cretaceous,

76-74 million years ago **Found in:** Canada, USA











What is a Palaeontologist?

Palaeontologists are like detectives who examine the evidence that extinct animals left behind. Those clues to what dinosaurs were like are found in fossils — the ancient remains of an organism, such as teeth, bone, or shell — or evidence of animal activity, such as footprints and trackways.

Everything that is known about non-avian dinosaurs is based on fossils, which include bones, teeth, footprints, tracks, eggs, and skin impressions. For centuries, people throughout the world have discovered amazing fossilized bones and footprints which are studied by Palaeontologists.



Juan the Guanlong

Hunting its prey 95 million years before the T-Rex lived, this Tyrannosaur got it's name Wucaii, meaning five colours, from the multi-coloured rocks of the Wucaiiwan Badlands where it's fossils were found.

Type of dinosaur: Small theropod

Length: 3 metres
Weight: 75 kg
Diet: Carnivorous
Food: Other animals
How it moved: On 2 legs
When it lived: Late Jurassic,
159-154 million years ago`

Found in: China



Veronica the Velociraptor

They hunted in packs and were very intelligent. With powerful back legs and long claws that could attack their prey with speed. They are famous for having one long large claw on the top of their foot to pin down their prey.

Type of dinosaur: Large theropod

Length: 1.8 metres **Weight:** 7 kg **Diet:** Carnivorous

Teeth: Lots of sharp, pointed teeth

Food: Other animals
How it moved: On 2 legs
When it lived: Late Cretaceous,

74-70 million years ago **Found in:** Mongolia



Peter the Parasaurolophus

These herbivores weighed about 3.5 tons which is about the same as a transit van! They were herbivores and had a large horn on their head which scientists think they might have used to make trumpeting noises to communicate.

Type of dinosaur: Large ornithopod

Length: 11 metres **Weight:** 3500 kg **Diet:** Herbivorous

Teeth: More than 1,000 tiny teeth

Food: Herbivorous

How it moved: *Either 2 or 4 legs* **When it lived:** *Late Cretaceous,*

76-74 million years ago **Found in:** Canada, USA





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