

Spinosaurus

Spinosaurus aegyptiacus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 99–93.5 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: about 14 m (46 ft)
Weight: about 7.4 tonnes (8.2 tons)
Found in: North Africa

One of the strangest dinosaurs ever found, Spinosaurus carried a towering skin sail along its spine and a long, crocodile-like snout built for snatching fish.



Carcharodontosaurus

Carcharodontosaurus saharicus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 99–94 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 12–12.5 m (39–41 ft)
Weight: 5–7 tonnes (5.5–7.7 tons)
Found in: North Africa

Carcharodontosaurus — its name means 'shark-toothed lizard' — had an enormous skull, an estimated 1.6 meters long when complete, lined with long, serrated, blade-like teeth and ranking among the largest skulls of any known meat-eating dinosaur.

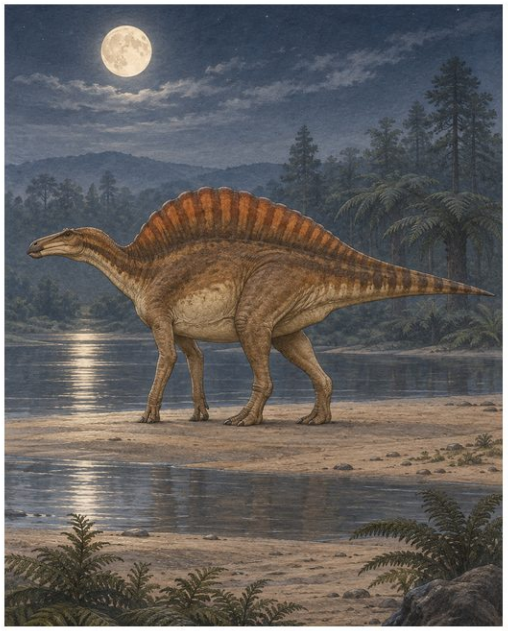


Suchomimus

Suchomimus tenerensis

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 125–112 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 9.5–11 m (31–36 ft)
Weight: 2.5–5.3 tonnes (2.8–5.8 tons)
Found in: North Africa

Suchomimus — its name means 'crocodile mimic' — had a long, narrow, crocodile-like snout lined with more than 100 small conical teeth, ideal for gripping slippery fish.



Ouranosaurus

Ouranosaurus nigeriensis

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 125–112 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 7–8.3 m (23–27 ft)
Weight: about 2.2 tonnes (2.4 tons)
Found in: Africa

Ouranosaurus had a tall sail running from its shoulders to its tail, held up by long spines of its backbone, on top of a broad, duck-billed head.

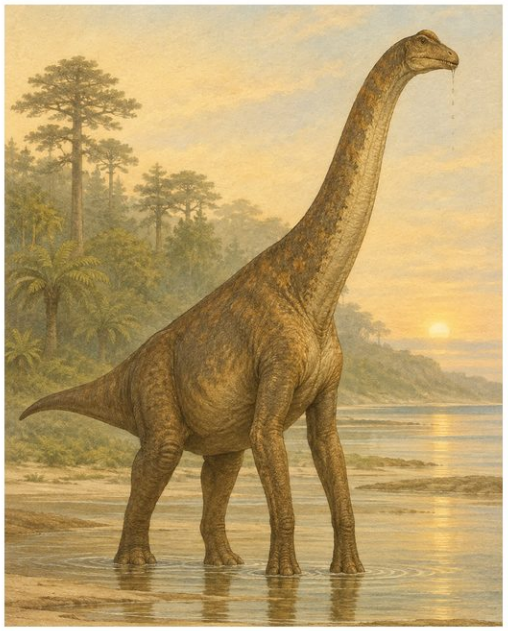


Nigersaurus

Nigersaurus taqueti

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 115–105 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 9–14 m (30–46 ft)
Weight: 1.9–4 tonnes (2.1–4.4 tons)
Found in: Africa

Nigersaurus had a mouth unlike any other dinosaur: a very wide, straight-edged muzzle lined across the front with more than 500 slim teeth, in rows, each replaced about every two weeks.



Giraffatitan

Giraffatitan brancai

Lived: Late Jurassic, 150–145 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 22–26 m (72–85 ft)
Weight: 23–48 tonnes (25–53 tons)
Found in: Africa

Giraffatitan could raise its small head an estimated 12 meters or more into the air, browsing treetops that almost no other animal of its world could reach.



Jobaria

Jobaria tiguidensis

Lived: Middle Jurassic, 167 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 16–18 m (52–59 ft)
Weight: 16–22 tonnes (18–24 tons)
Found in: Africa

Jobaria was a stocky, primitive sauropod that grew to around 16–18 meters long yet kept a surprisingly short neck and short tail, giving it a compact, balanced build unlike its long, whip-tailed relatives.



Kentrosaurus

Kentrosaurus aethiopicus

Lived: Late Jurassic, 152 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 4–4.5 m (13–15 ft)
Weight: 700–1,600 kg (1,543–3,527 lb)
Found in: Africa

Kentrosaurus, the 'prickle lizard,' wore only a narrow row of small plates on its neck and shoulders.



Afrovenator

Afrovenator abakensis

Lived: Middle to Late Jurassic, 167–161 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 6.8–8 m (22–26 ft)
Weight: 790–1,000 kg (1,742–2,205 lb)
Found in: Africa

Afrovenator, the 'African hunter,' is the only well-established megalosaur known from the southern continents.

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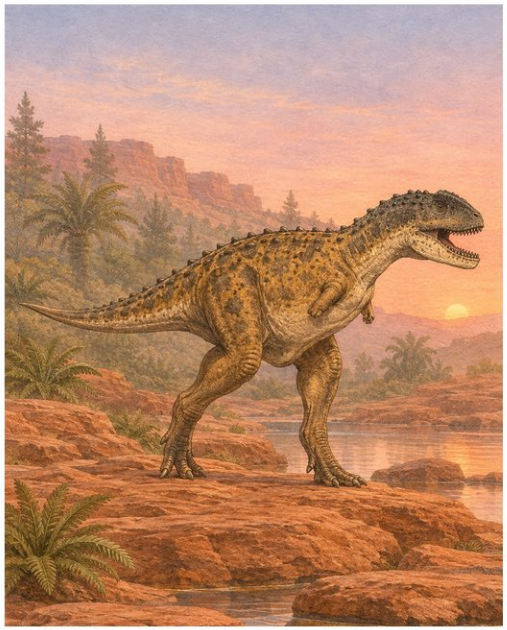
Majungasaurus

Majungasaurus crenatissimus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 70–66 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 5.6–7 m (18–23 ft)
Weight: 750–1,100 kg (1,653–2,425 lb)
Found in: Madagascar

Majungasaurus is one of the very few dinosaurs known from direct fossil evidence to have sometimes eaten others of its own kind — its distinctive tooth marks turn up on the bones of other Majungasaurus.

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Rugops

Rugops primus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 100–95 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 4.4–6 m (14–20 ft)
Weight: 410–750 kg (904–1,653 lb)
Found in: Africa

Rugops, the 'wrinkle face,' had a skull whose top was pitted with a row of small hollows and grooves, and a snout probably covered in a tough, armour-like skin.

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Aardonyx

Aardonyx celestae

Lived: Early Jurassic, 200–190 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: about 6 m (20 ft)
Weight: about 500 kg (1,102 lb)
Found in: Southern Africa

Aardonyx, the 'earth claw,' walked mostly on two legs but could drop onto all fours, a step on the road to the giant long-necked sauropods.

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