

Velociraptor

Velociraptor mongoliensis

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 75–71 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 1.5–2 m (4.9–6.6 ft)
Weight: 14–20 kg (31–44 lb)
Found in: Asia

The real Velociraptor was only about the size of a turkey, weighing an estimated 15 kilograms — far smaller than its movie reputation suggests.



Deinonychus

Deinonychus antirrhopus

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 115–108 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: about 3.4 m (11 ft)
Weight: 70–100 kg (154–220 lb)
Found in: North America

Deinonychus carried a single enlarged sickle-shaped claw, up to about 12 centimeters long, raised off the ground on the second toe of each foot.



Microraptor

Microraptor zhaoianus

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 125–120 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: about 80 cm (31 in)
Weight: 0.5–1.9 kg (1.1–4.2 lb)
Found in: Asia

Microraptor is one of the very few dinosaurs known to have carried four wings, with long flight feathers on both its arms and its legs.



Sinosauropteryx

Sinosauropteryx prima

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 125–120 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 0.7–1.1 m (2.3–3.6 ft)
Weight: 0.55–1 kg (1.2–2.2 lb)
Found in: Asia

Sinosauropteryx was the first dinosaur found with clear evidence of a downy feather coat, and studies of its preserved pigment even suggest it wore a reddish-brown-and-white ringed tail and a dark bandit-like mask.



Caudipteryx

Caudipteryx zoui

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 125–120 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: 70–90 cm (28–35 in)
Weight: about 5 kg (11 lb)
Found in: Asia

About the size of a turkey, Caudipteryx carried true fans of feathers on its arms and tail tip yet could not fly — its arms were far too short, so the plumage was almost certainly for display or warmth.

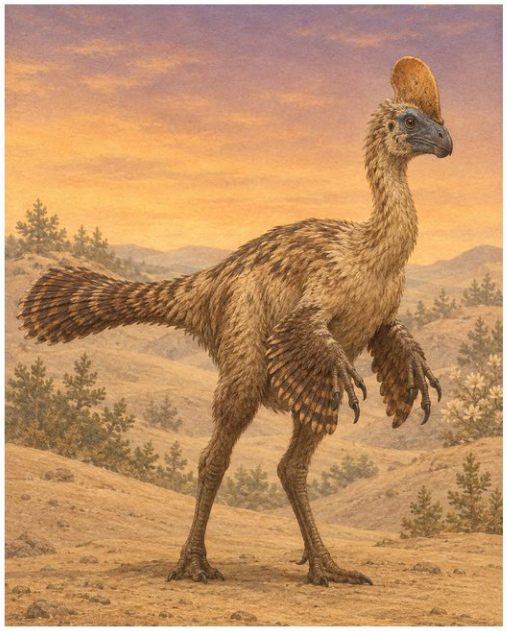


Oviraptor

Oviraptor philoceratops

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 75–71 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: 1.6–2 m (5.2–6.6 ft)
Weight: 33–40 kg (73–88 lb)
Found in: Asia

Oviraptor's name means "egg thief," because the first skeleton was found in the 1920s lying over a nest of eggs and was assumed to be raiding it.



Citipati

Citipati osmolskae

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 75–71 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: 2.5–2.9 m (8.2–9.5 ft)
Weight: 75–110 kg (165–243 lb)
Found in: Asia

Citipati is famous for several fossils found sitting directly on top of egg nests, arms spread over the clutch just as a brooding bird does today.



Ornithomimus

Ornithomimus velox

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 77–66 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: about 3.8 m (12 ft)
Weight: about 170 kg (375 lb)
Found in: North America

Ornithomimus was an ostrich-like dinosaur built for running, with legs so long and slim that it may have reached speeds of around 50 to 60 kilometers per hour.



Gallimimus

Gallimimus bullatus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 72–68 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: about 6 m (20 ft)
Weight: 400–490 kg (882–1,080 lb)
Found in: Asia

Gallimimus was the largest of the ostrich-like ornithomimids, reaching around 6 meters long yet built as a lightweight sprinter on very long legs.

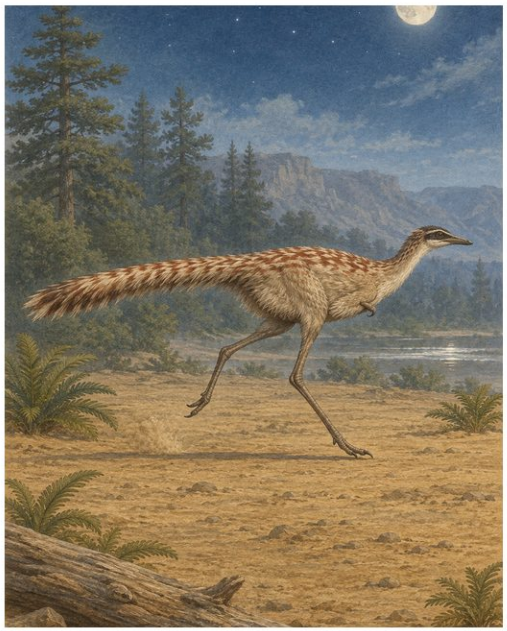


Struthiomimus

Struthiomimus altus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 77–70 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: about 4.3 m (14 ft)
Weight: 150–235 kg (331–518 lb)
Found in: North America

Struthiomimus was a lightly built, ostrich-like dinosaur whose long legs suggest it may have run at speeds estimated up to about 50 to 80 kilometers per hour.



Mononykus

Mononykus olecranus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 72–68 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 1–1.2 m (3.3–3.9 ft)
Weight: about 3.5 kg (7.7 lb)
Found in: Asia

Mononykus was a small, long-legged feathered dinosaur whose short arms each ended in a single stout claw — its name means "one claw." Roughly the size of a large chicken and built for speed, it may have used those unusual arms to dig into insect nests such as termite mounds.



Bambiraptor

Bambiraptor feinbergi

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 75–72 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 1–1.3 m (3.3–4.3 ft)
Weight: 2–5 kg (4.4–11 lb)
Found in: North America

Bambiraptor was a tiny, feathered relative of Velociraptor about the size of a turkey, with a brain unusually large for its body.