

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.

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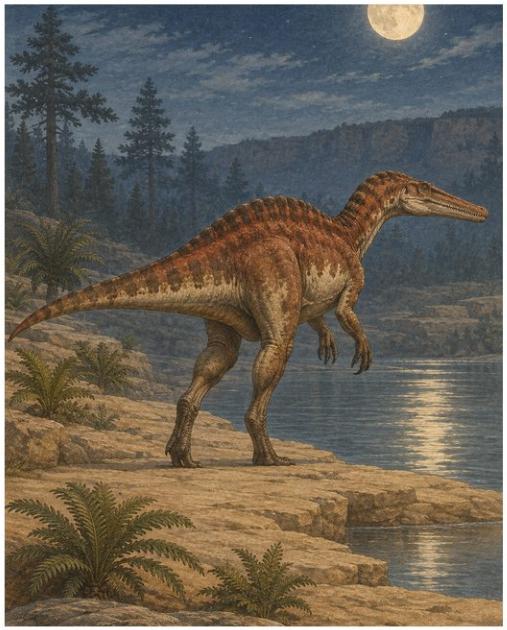
Baryonyx

Baryonyx walkeri

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 130–125 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 7.5–10 m (25–33 ft)
Weight: 1.2–2 tonnes (1.3–2.2 tons)
Found in: Western Europe

Baryonyx is named for its huge, curved thumb claw — about 30 centimetres long on the outer curve — set on a powerful, robust hand.

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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.

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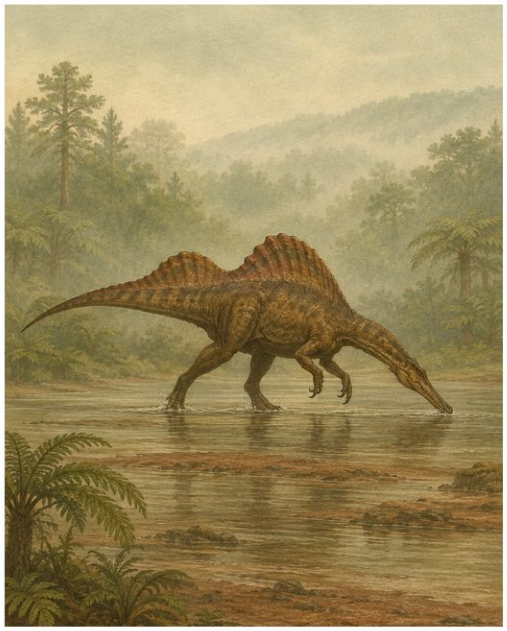
Irritator

Irritator challengeri

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 113–110 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 6–8 m (20–26 ft)
Weight: about 1 tonne (1.1 tons)
Found in: South America

Irritator is named for the irritation of the scientists who found its skull heavily damaged and doctored by the dealers who sold it.

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Ichthyovenator

Ichthyovenator laosensis

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 120–113 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 8.5–10.5 m (28–34 ft)
Weight: 2–2.4 tonnes (2.2–2.6 tons)
Found in: Asia

Ichthyovenator, 'fish hunter', carried the most unusual sail of any spinosaurid: a wave-shaped fan of tall spines that dipped over the hips and split into two separate sails.

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Siamosaurus

Siamosaurus suteethorni

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 129–113 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 5–9 m (16–30 ft)
Found in: Asia

Siamosaurus was the first spinosaurid ever reported from Asia, and it is known from little more than teeth.

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Oxalaia

Oxalaia quilombensis

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 100–94 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 12–14 m (39–46 ft)
Weight: 5–7 tonnes (5.5–7.7 tons)
Found in: South America

Oxalaia is the largest meat-eating dinosaur known from Brazil, yet only two pieces of its snout and jaw have ever been found.

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Austroraptor

Austroraptor cabazai

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 72–66 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 5–6 m (16–20 ft)
Weight: 300–520 kg (661–1,146 lb)
Found in: South America

Austroraptor, 'southern thief', was the largest raptor-like dinosaur of the southern continents, but built nothing like the slim hunters of the north.

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Halszkaraptor

Halszkaraptor escuillieі

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 75 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: about the size of a mallard duck (well under 1 meter)
Weight: Around 1 kilogram or less (rough estimate)
Found in: Asia

Halszkaraptor was about the size of a mallard duck, with a very long, swan-like neck, a flat snout full of small teeth and flipper-like arms.

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Deinocheirus

Deinocheirus mirificus

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 71–70 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: 11–12 m (36–39 ft)
Weight: 5–7.3 tonnes (5.5–8 tons)
Found in: Asia

For almost fifty years Deinocheirus was known only from a pair of arms 2.4 metres long, and nobody could say what animal they belonged to.

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Lurdusaurus

Lurdusaurus arenatus

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 112 million years ago
Diet: Herbivore
Length: 7–9 m (23–30 ft)
Weight: 2.5–5.5 tonnes (2.8–6.1 tons)
Found in: Africa

Lurdusaurus, 'heavy lizard', was a plant-eater, not a hunter, and lived on the same river banks as the fish-eating spinosaurids.

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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.

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