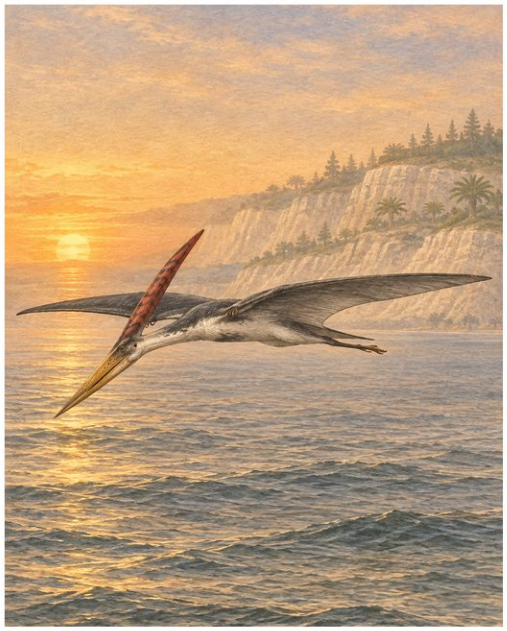


Pteranodon

Pteranodon longiceps

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 86–84 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 5.6–7.6 m (18–25 ft) wingspan
Weight: 20–35 kg (44–77 lb)
Found in: North America

Pteranodon is known from about 1,200 fossils, more than any other pterosaur, and not one of them has a tooth.



Quetzalcoatlus

Quetzalcoatlus northropi

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 68–66 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 10–11 m (33–36 ft) wingspan
Weight: 150–250 kg (331–551 lb)
Found in: North America

Quetzalcoatlus is a contender for the largest flying animal ever found, with a wingspan estimated at 10 to 11 meters.

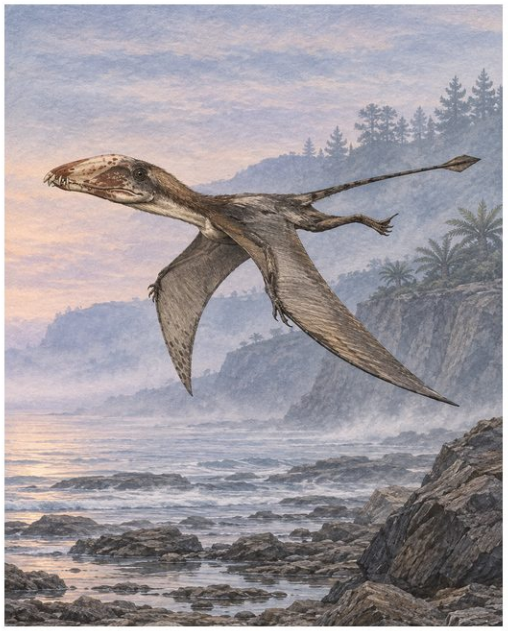


Hatzegopteryx

Hatzegopteryx thambema

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 72–66 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 10–12 m (33–39 ft) wingspan
Weight: Not reliably estimated; the largest individuals were probably well over 100 kg (220 lb)
Found in: Europe

Hatzegopteryx was a giant pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with an estimated wingspan of 10 to 12 meters.

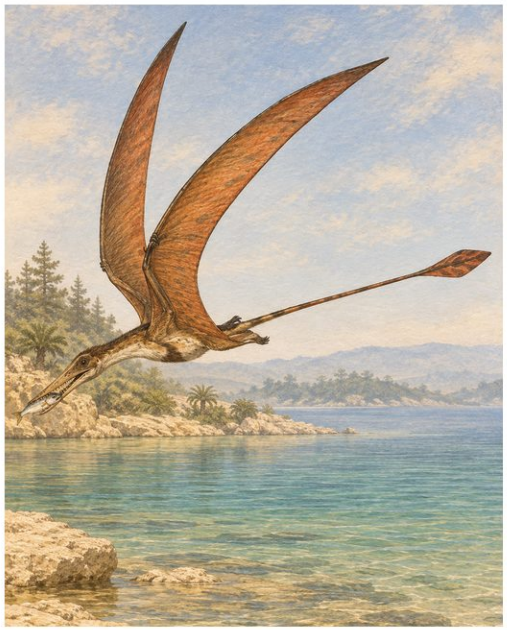


Dimorphodon

Dimorphodon macronyx

Lived: Early Jurassic, 201–191 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: about 1.45 m (4.8 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably only a few kilograms
Found in: Europe

Dimorphodon was an early pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a large, bulky head and two kinds of teeth, which is what its name means.



Rhamphorhynchus

Rhamphorhynchus muensteri

Lived: Late Jurassic, 150 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: about 1.8 m (5.9 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably under a few kilograms (estimates vary)
Found in: Europe

Rhamphorhynchus was a pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a long tail that ended in a diamond-shaped vane.

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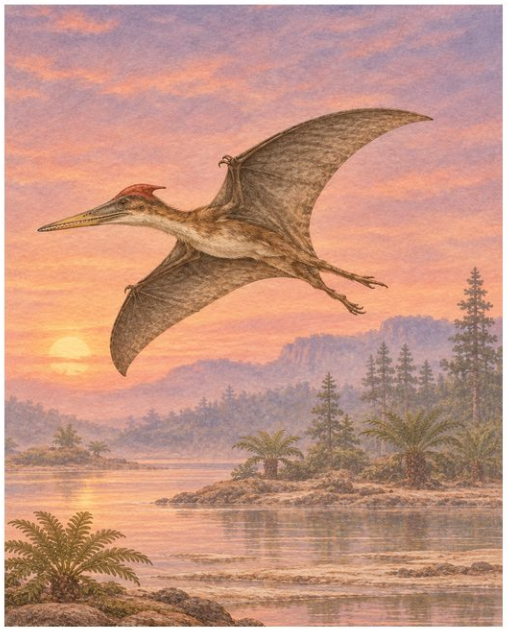

Pterodactylus

Pterodactylus antiquus

Lived: Late Jurassic, 151–145 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: about 1 m (3.3 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably under a kilogram (estimates vary)
Found in: Europe

Pterodactylus was the first pterosaur ever identified, described in 1784, and it was not a dinosaur.

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Tapejara

Tapejara wellnhoferi

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 127–112 million years ago
Diet: Omnivore
Length: 1.2–1.3 m (3.9–4.3 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably only a few kilograms
Found in: South America

Tapejara was a small pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a toothless beak and a striking semicircular crest rising above its snout.

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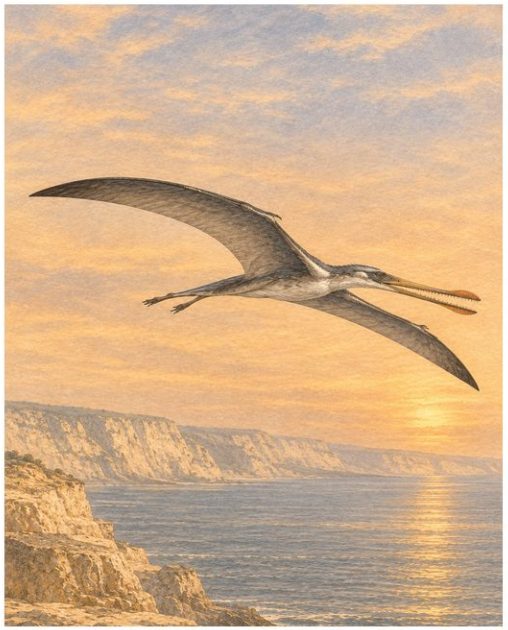

Anhanguera

Anhanguera blittersdorfi

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 119–100 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: about 4.6 m (15 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably a few tens of kilograms (not firmly known)
Found in: South America

Anhanguera was a fish-eating pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a wingspan of about 4.6 meters.

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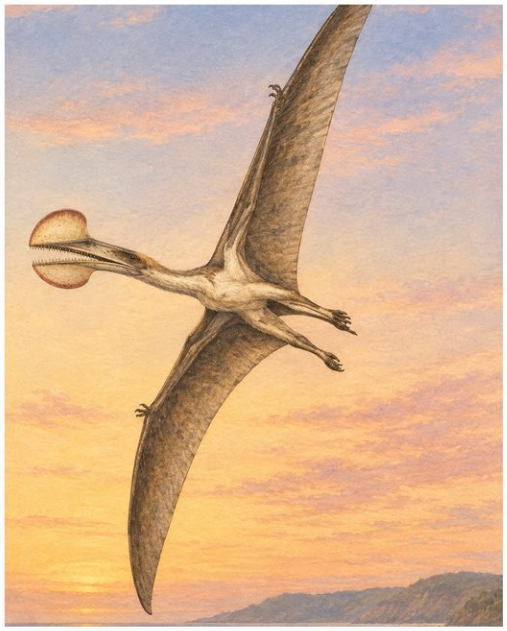

Tropeognathus

Tropeognathus mesembrinus

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 119–110 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 8.3–8.7 m (27–29 ft) wingspan
Weight: Probably several tens of kilograms (not firmly known)
Found in: South America

Tropeognathus means 'keel jaw', named for the tall ridges at the tips of its long jaws.

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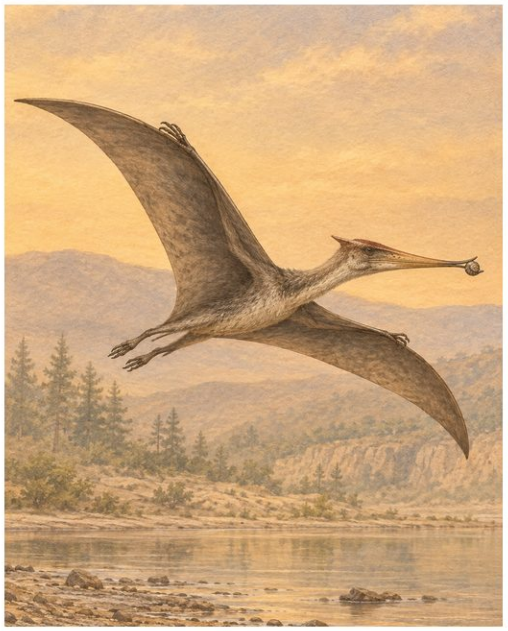

Dsungaripterus

Dsungaripterus weii

Lived: Early Cretaceous, 135 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 3–3.5 m (9.8–11 ft) wingspan
Weight: 10–15 kg (22–33 lb)
Found in: Asia

Dsungaripterus was a pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a long, narrow, upcurved beak and a low bony crest.

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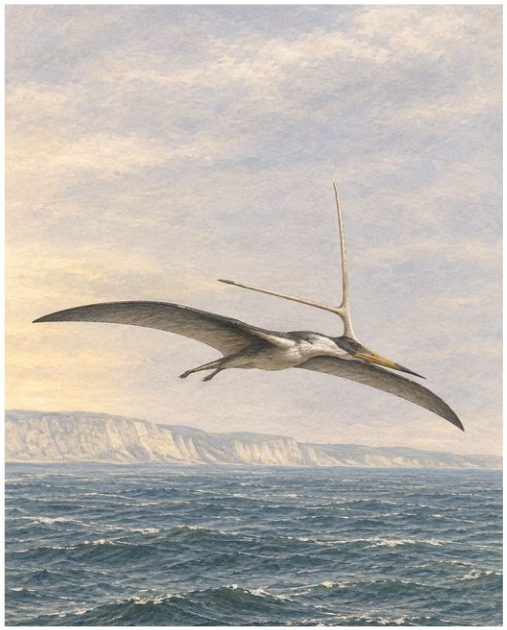

Nyctosaurus

Nyctosaurus gracilis

Lived: Late Cretaceous, 85–84.5 million years ago
Diet: Piscivore
Length: 2–2.9 m (6.6–9.5 ft) wingspan
Weight: about 1.9 kg (4.2 lb)
Found in: North America

Nyctosaurus was a pterosaur, not a dinosaur, with a wingspan of just over 2 meters and no teeth.

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Darwinopterus

Darwinopterus modularis

Lived: Middle to Late Jurassic, 161–160 million years ago
Diet: Carnivore
Length: 0.8–1 m (2.6–3.3 ft) wingspan
Weight: 110–220 g
Found in: Asia

Darwinopterus was a pterosaur, not a dinosaur, that mixed features of early long-tailed pterosaurs with those of later short-tailed ones.

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