

DINOSAURS

Velociraptor

1-‘Raptors’ is a nickname for the dromaeosaur group. It is variously said to mean ‘plunder’, ‘thief’ or ‘hunter (birds of prey are also called Raptors).

2-Velociraptor, also known as the ‘speedy thief’, was a typical dromaeosaur. Fossils of it were found in Mongolia, Central Asia. Most Raptors probably had feathers, but for some there is no direct fossil evidence.

3-Like other raptors, velociraptor probably ran fast and could leap great distances on it’s powerful back legs.



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Stegosaurus

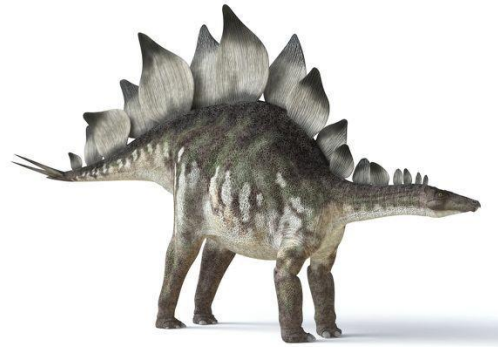
1-Stegosaurus' fossils were found mainly in present day Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, USA.

2-Stegosaurus lived towards the end of the Jurassic Period, around 155-150mya.

3-Its most striking feature is the bony plates along its back.

4-Its name means "roof reptile".

5-Stegosaurus had four large spikes on its tail and it used it for whacking enemies that tried to hurt it and kill it.



Ankylosaur

1-Ankylosaurs had a thick, protective armour of bony plates.

2-The best know ankylosaur is called Euoplocephalus.

3-The weighty Euoplocephalus was roughly 6m long and weighed 2 tonnes.

4-It lived about 76-75mya mainly in North America.

5-They had small fragile teeth and probably ate soft, low-growing plants.



Dilophosaurus

- 1-Dilophosaurus was a middle-sized meat-eating theropod that lived roughly 195-190mya.
- 2-Fossils of it were found mainly in the USA.
- 3-Dilophosaurus was one of the first powerful predatory dinosaurs known from its fossil evidence.
- 4-Its name meant “two ridged reptile” from the two delicate, thin, crests on its head shaped like one-half of a dinner plate.
- 5-Dilophosaurus might have weighed over 500kg – as much as the largest polar bears today.



(Information on all dinosaurs found in “Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life” by Miles Kelly).