

Are dinosaurs alive today?

Where Jurassic Park went wrong!

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[**Ed. note:** the author has since [retracted](#) his claim about the *Illustrated London News* report on the li pterosaur, since new evidence shows that it was a hoax. And in late 2005, John Whitmore wrote that early reports of 'unfossilized' dinosaur bones were overstated, as recent analysis shows that they sho referred to as 'fossilized' ('Unfossilized' Alaskan dinosaur bones? Letter to the Editor, *Journal of Creat* **19**(3):60).]

While movie mogul Steven Spielberg prepared for the premiere of his US\$50 million blockbuster dinos film *Jurassic Park* in early 1993, equally spectacular dinosaur-type news was flowing in from around th world.

From China there were claims that more than 1,000 people had seen a dinosaur-like monster in two s Xinjiang.¹

From Scotland came the latest Loch Ness monster sighting: Mrs Edna MacInnes reported on June 24 t creature with a neck like a giraffe in Loch Ness.²

From Canada, Professor P. LeBlond of the University of British Columbia told a meeting of zoologists a short for *Cadborosaurus*—around the British Columbia coast and as far south as Oregon. The remains actually been found in the stomach of a whale.³

It's been a big year for monsters. Russian scientists were startled to find remains of dwarf mammoths coast, which they said were living only 3,700 years ago.⁴ And British explorer Colonel John Blashford-Nepalese valley in March with photos of living creatures which looked something like mammoths or ex

Whether it's Spielberg or stegodons, 'Nessie' or 'Caddy'—dinosaurs and such creatures are on news re And because most people have heard only the evolutionary viewpoint about these creatures, it is imp respond to the evolutionary comments.

Take *Jurassic Park* for instance. The plot revolves around a quirky billionaire who sets out to recreate blood-sucking insect which had dined on dinosaur and had then been trapped in amber (fossilized tree

Dinosaurs are then genetically recreated for the tycoon's dinosaur theme park. But the dinosaurs brea and start feasting on passing vehicles.

People around the world have been asking if scientists could really resurrect these robust reptiles from allegedly more than 100 million years old.

The answer is No!

Despite the hype, *Jurassic Park* is fiction. Scientists have not yet found dinosaur DNA in any amber-pr evolutionists admit that the DNA, a notoriously unstable molecule, would be too degraded to carry a c

In fact, Oxford molecular biologist Bryan Sykes admitted in the journal *Nature* that the rate at which I such that 'no DNA would remain intact much beyond 10,000 years.'⁷

That is enough to kill the theory. But, in addition, reconstructing the genetic blueprint of an extinct cr problems. Molecular geneticist Russell Higuchi compares the task to 'finding an encyclopaedia ripped i you barely comprehend, and having to reassemble it in the dark, without using your hands.'⁸