

Dinosaur

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Dinosaurs were reptilian creatures which are now generally believed to be extinct. They were known for their large size, although some species weighed just a few ounces. The word *dinosaur* was coined in 1841 by Richard Owen^[1], from the Greek words for "terrible lizard", and reflected the creatures' large size and fearsome appearance to the early paleontologists.

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Scientific classification

Kingdom Information

Kingdom	Animalia
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Phylum Information

Phylum	Chordata
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Class Information

Class	Sauropsida
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Sub-class	Diapsida
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Infra-class	Archosauromorpha
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Order Information

Superorder	Dinosauria
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Order	Ornithischia; Saurischia
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Population statistics

Description

Dinosaurs are classified into two orders based upon differences in pelvic structure: *Saurischia* ("lizard-hipped"), in which the *pubis* is pointed forward and down; and *Ornithischia* ("bird-hipped"), in which the *pubis* is pointed towards the rear.