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## Scientific classification Edit this classification

Domain: Eukaryota
Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Superclass: Tetrapoda

Clade: Reptiliomorpha

## **Groups**

- Embolomeri
- Chroniosuchia
- Gephyrostegida
- <u>Diadectomorpha</u>
- Amniota crown group

**Reptiliomorpha** is a <u>clade</u> of the <u>amniotes</u> and those <u>tetrapods</u> that share a more recent common ancestor with amniotes than with living amphibians (<u>lissamphibians</u>).

Unfortunately, different experts have used the term in several different ways. It has even been used for fossils of early amphibians. It is best used for animals which lay <u>cleidoic eggs</u>, but are not <u>synapsids</u>. Otherwise precursors of reptiles (<u>sauropsids</u>) get lumped together with precursors of mammals (synapsids).

Its only justification is that it may not always be possible to decide which group a fossil is from. But gradually, as with *Seymouria*, it is possible to separate fossils into more specific groups.

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