

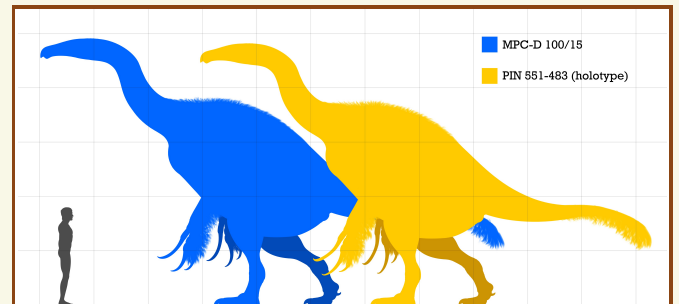
Therizinosaurus cheloniformis



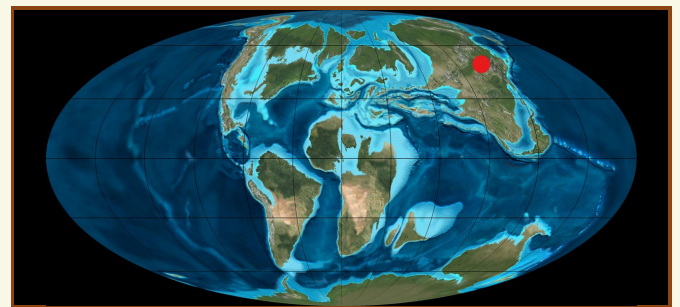
Dinosaur Profile

- ▶ Meaning of Name: Scythe lizard
- ▶ Temporal range : 70 MYA
- ▶ Height: 4 - 5 meters
- ▶ Length: 9 - 10 meters
- ▶ Weight: 10 - 16 tons
- ▶ Speed: -
- ▶ Diet: Herbivore (disputed Omnivore)
- ▶ Group Behavior : Primarily solitary
- ▶ Fun fact: Longest claws of any known animal (up to 1 meter)

Comparative Size



Geolocation



General Information

Therizinosaurus, known as the "scythe lizard" due to its enormous claws, was a unique dinosaur that lived approximately 70 million years ago in Asia's Late Cretaceous period. The species, *Therizinosaurus cheloniformis*, was first unearthed in Mongolia's Gobi Desert in 1948, and since then, it has been recognized as a significant therizinosaurid. Characterized by extraordinary manual unguals, which are the largest known of any land animal, measuring over 50 cm in length, *Therizinosaurus* was a colossal creature. It could grow up to 9–10 meters long and weigh more than 5 metric tons, making it one of the most massive representatives of its group. *Therizinosaurus* had a long neck and a wide torso, adapted for a high-browsing lifestyle, similar to ancient ground sloths. Taxonomically, *Therizinosaurus* has been a puzzle due to incomplete fossil records. Originally thought to be akin to a giant turtle, it is now classified within the Theropoda clade, specifically as a maniraptoran, indicating its relation to birds.

252 MYA

201 MYA

145 MYA

66 MYA

Triassic Period

Jurassic Period

Cretaceous Period

