



EXAM 2 ON WEDNESDAY

BRING:

GREEN SCANTRON

YOUR BRAINS

SECTION THIS WEEK:

Instead of a physical discussion section, we will have a homework assignment.

Ornithopoda

The ‘duck-billed’ dinosaurs

Evolution

Space and Time

Basal Ornithopods

Diet

Brains

Movement

Behavior



Genosauria
Cerapoda
Marginocephalia
Pachycephalosauria
Ceatopsia
Ornithopoda: ‘bird feet’

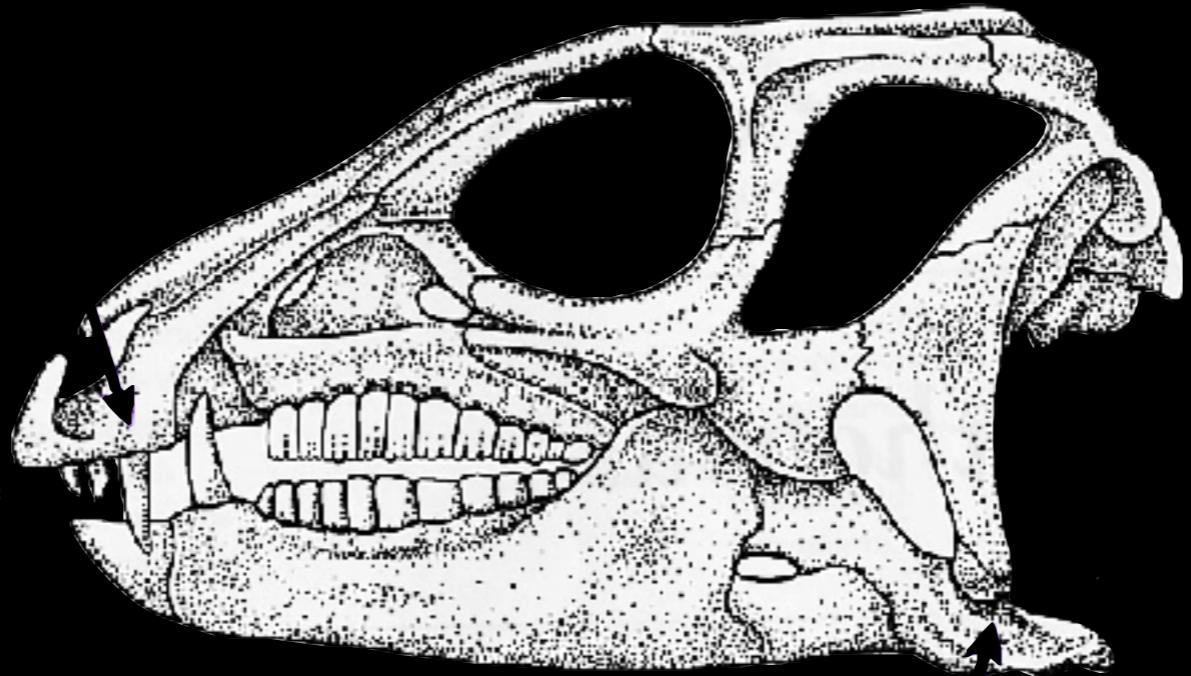


Iguanodon



Edmontosaurus

Primitive Characteristics: basal Ornithopods are ‘typical’ Ornithischians
Opisthopubic condition
No fenestra in mandible



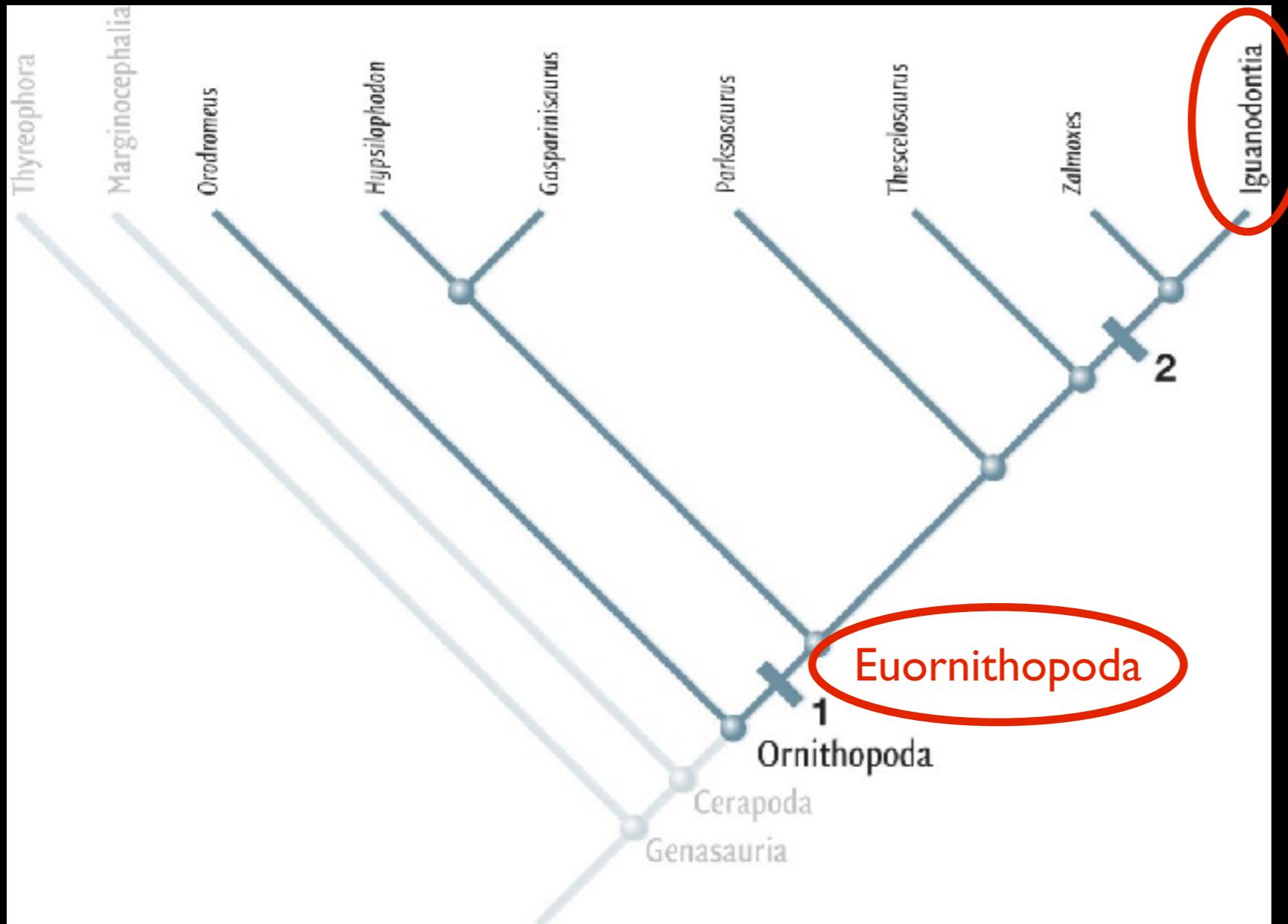
Derived Characteristics:

Ventrally offset premaxillae

Very low jaw joint

Small, bipedal

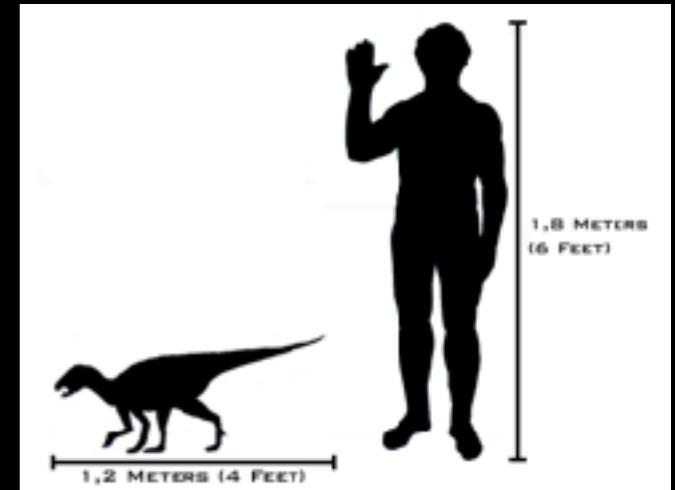
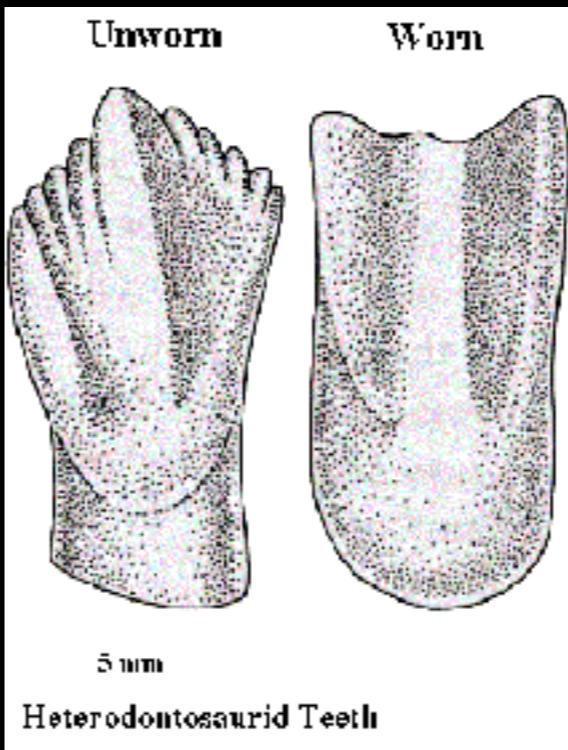
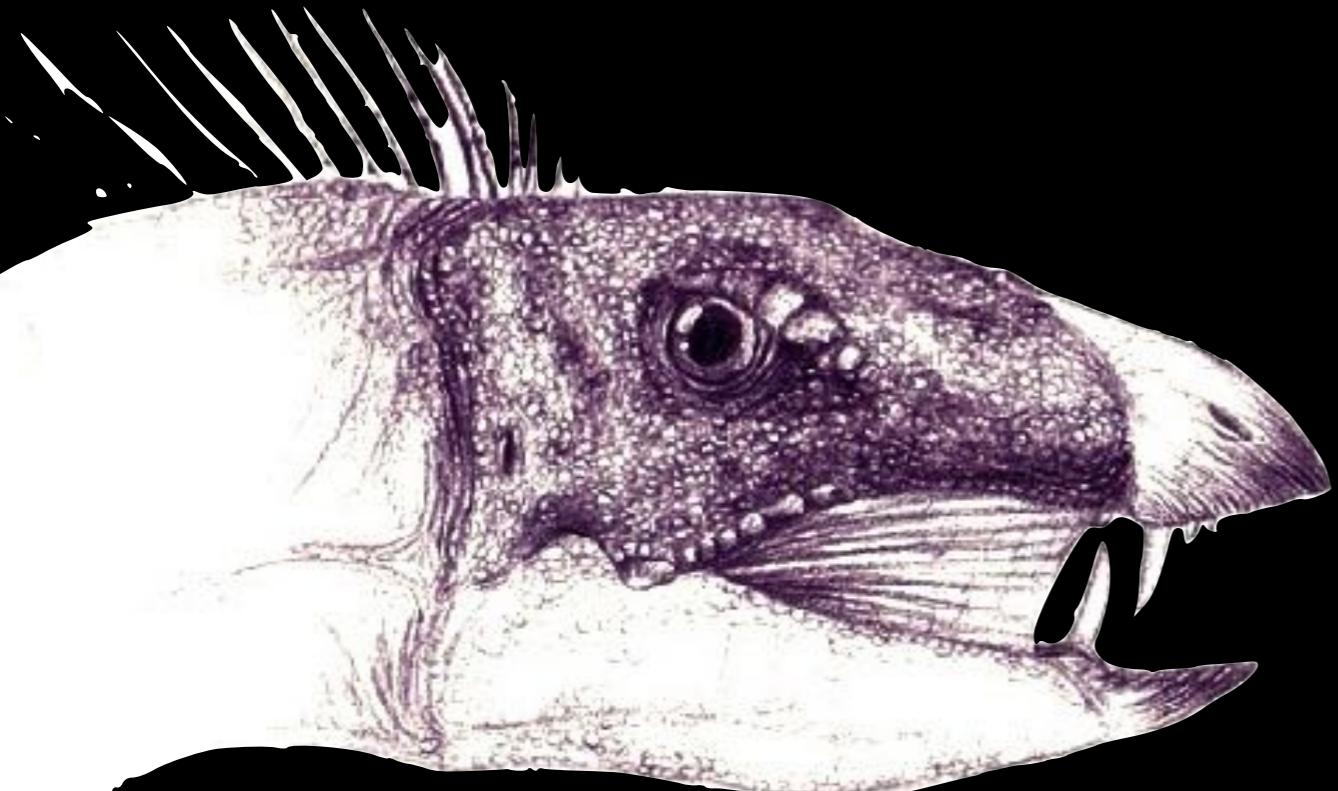
Derived: Larger, mainly quadrupedal



Early Ornithopods & Euornithopods

Small, bipedal

Heterodontosaurids may have been basal Ornithopods (or basal Ornithischians, depending on who you ask)



*Heterodontosaurids: Not Primitive...
unique chewing.*

Three kinds of teeth

Anterior: Snipping/Cropping

Posterior: Chewing

Tusks/Caniforms: Potentially display/courtship





Heterodontosaurids: Kinetic LOWER JAW

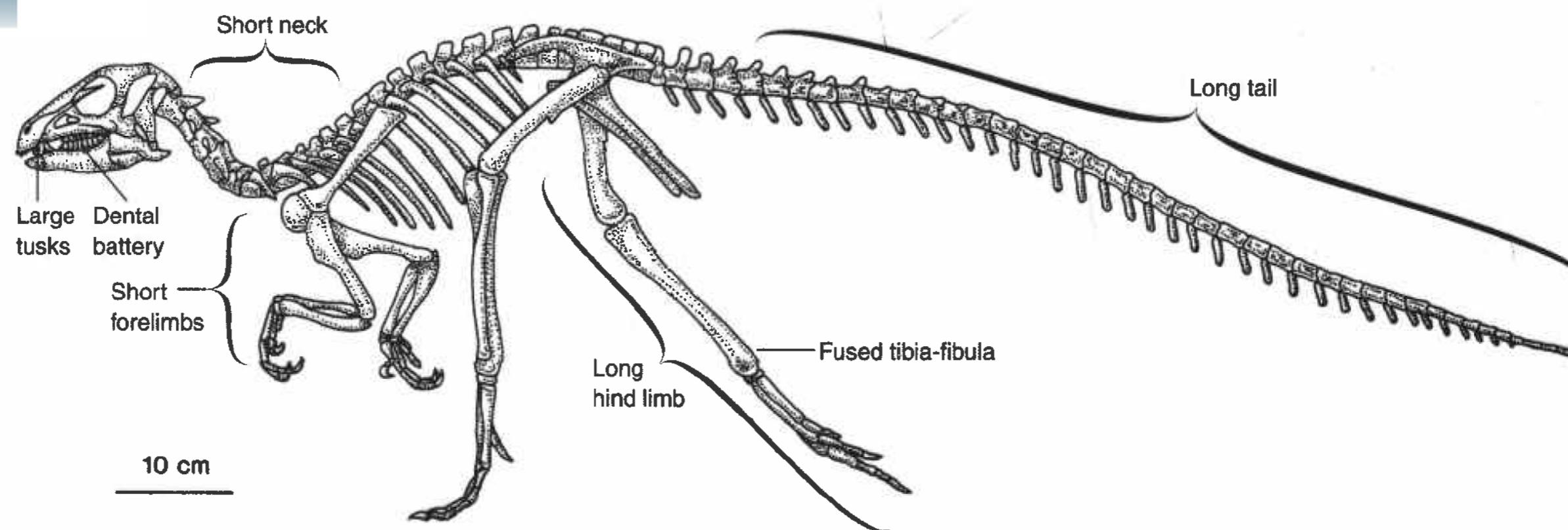


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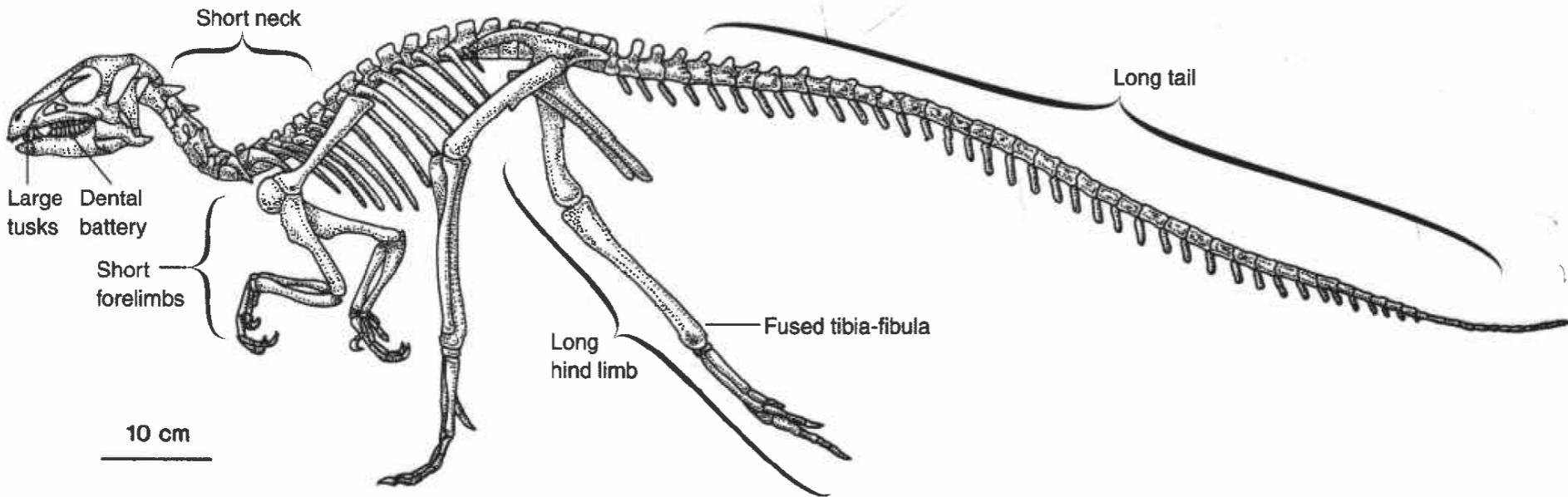
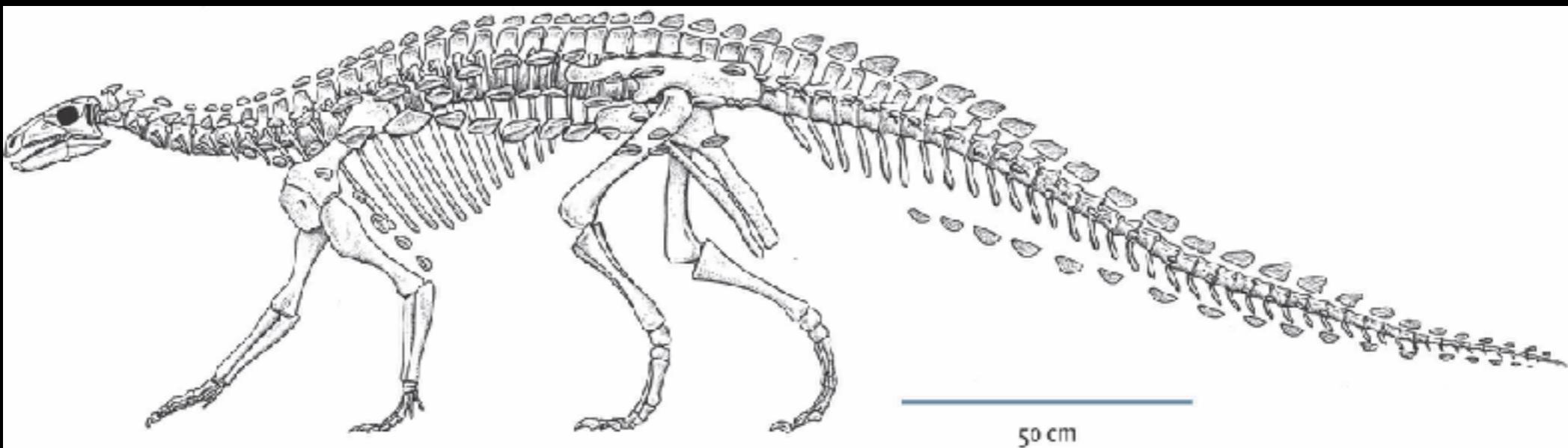


FIGURE 7.4

Heterodontosaurus: Short femur; Long tibia/fibula = fast

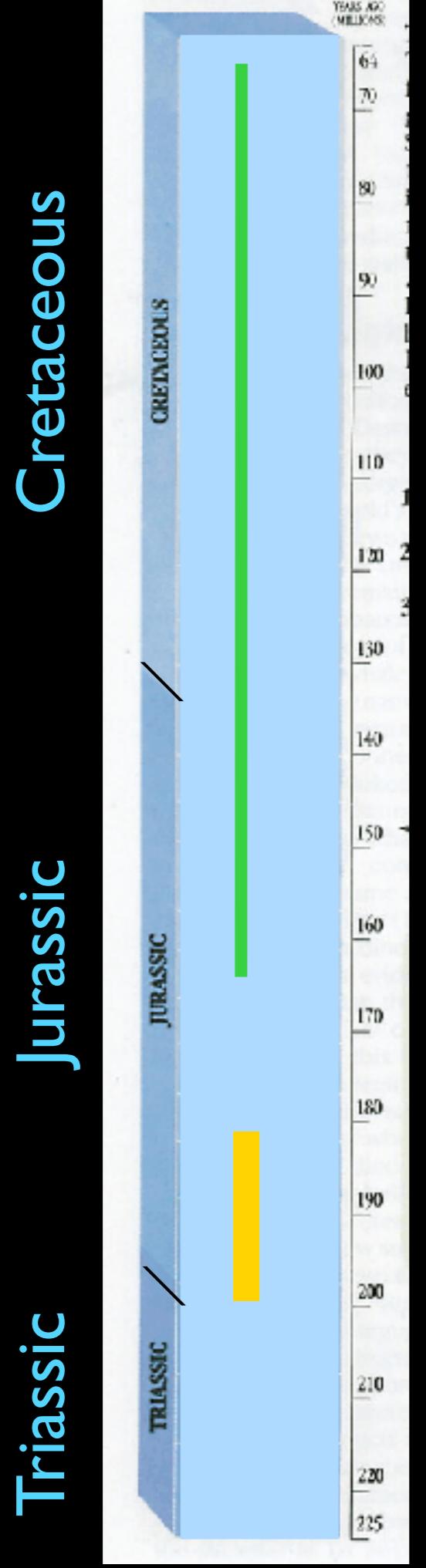
vs.



Scelidosaurus (basal Thyreophoran): Long femur; Short tibia/fibula = slow

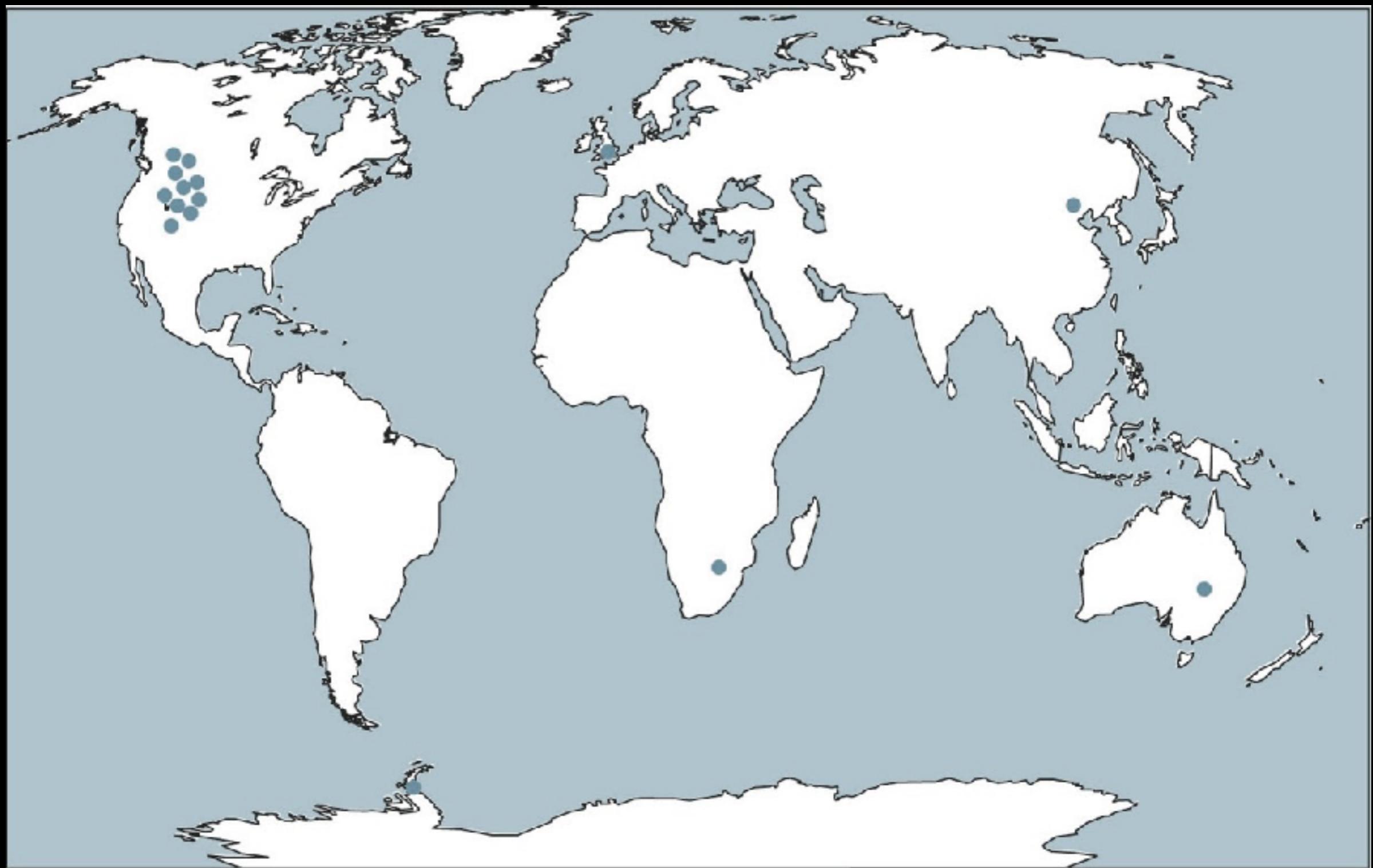


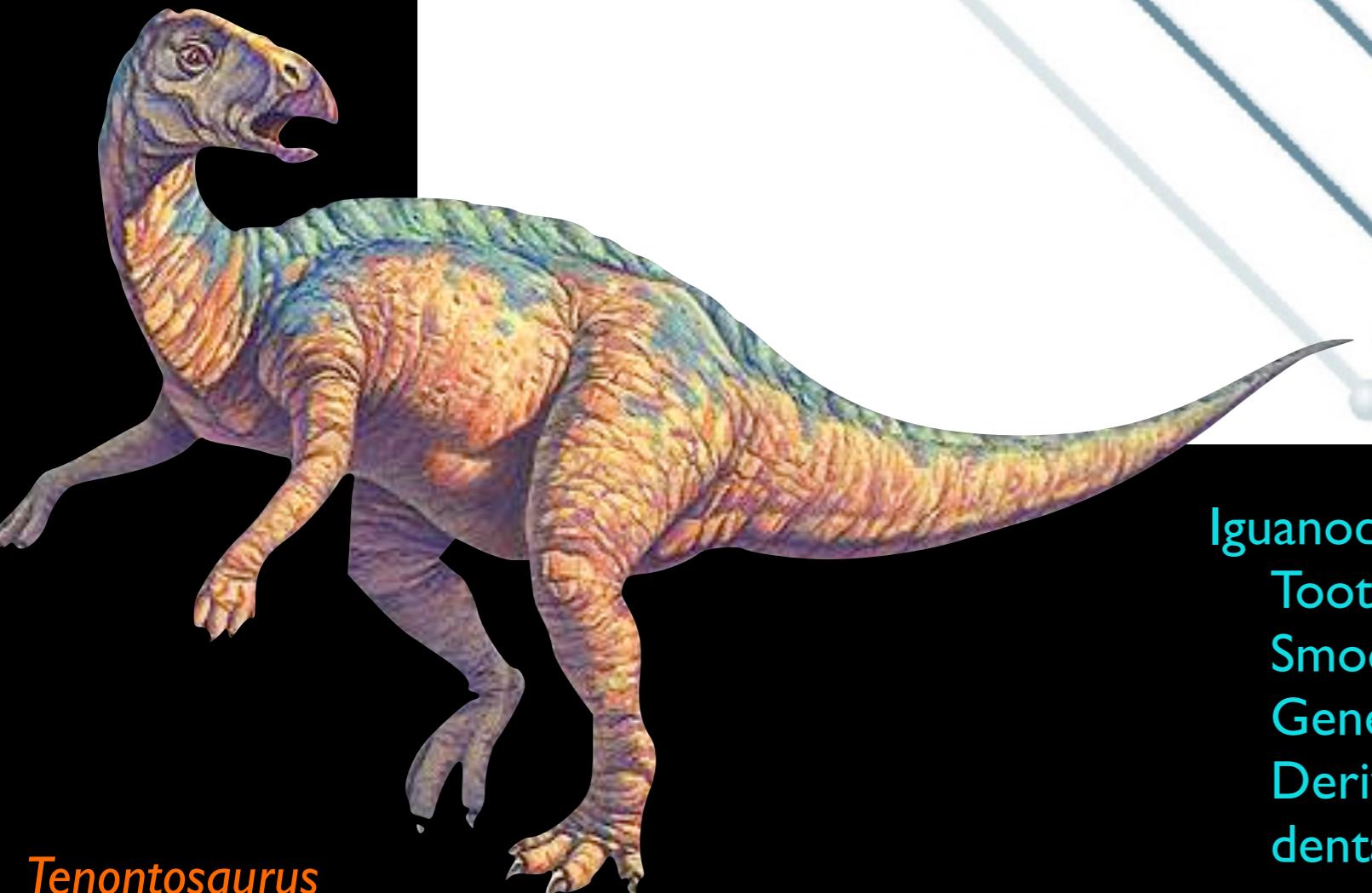
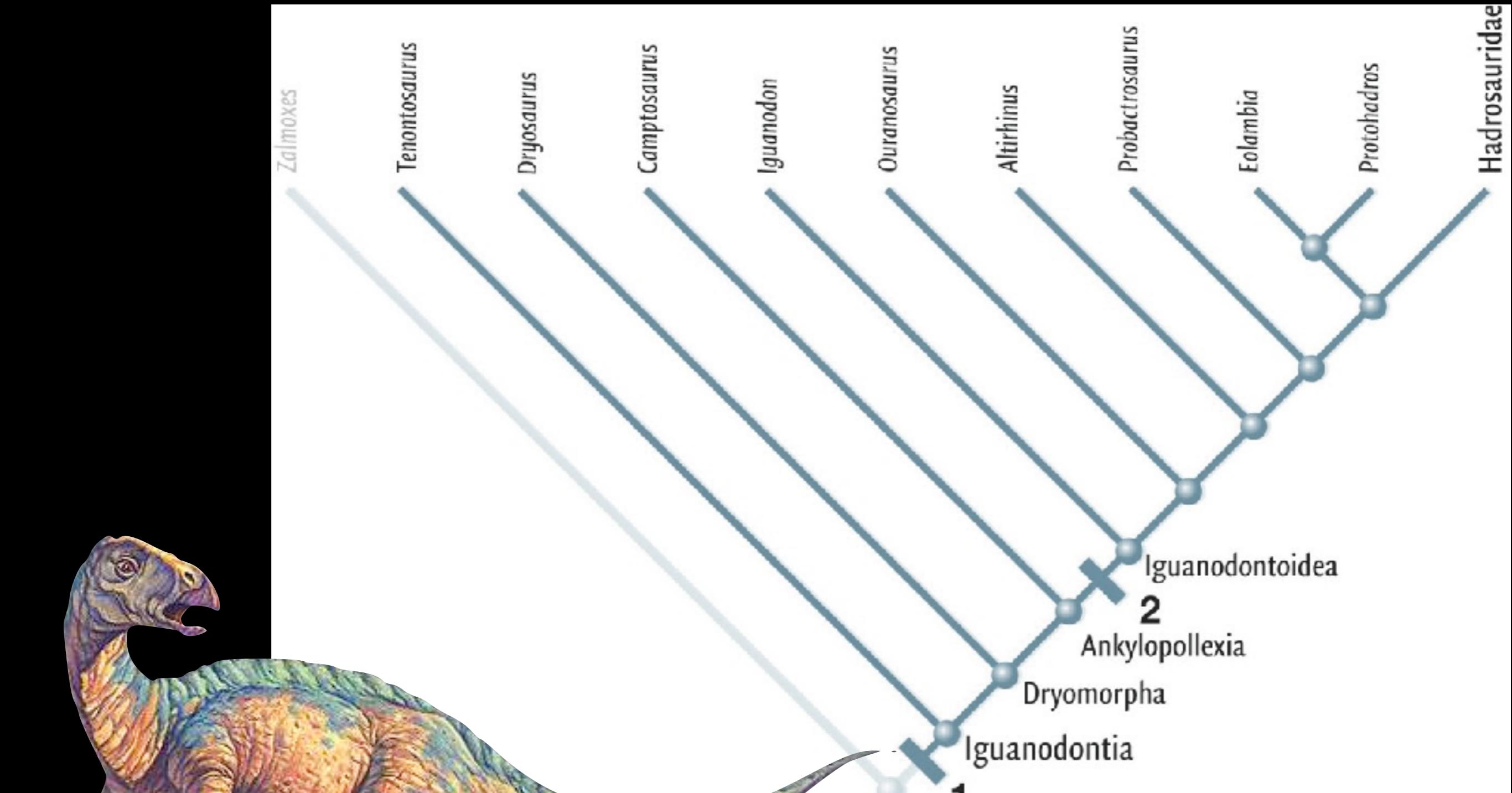
*We will explore this concept more with
Theropod dinosaurs*



Basal euornithopod time range

Heterodontosaurid time range





Iguanodontia: the most diverse clade

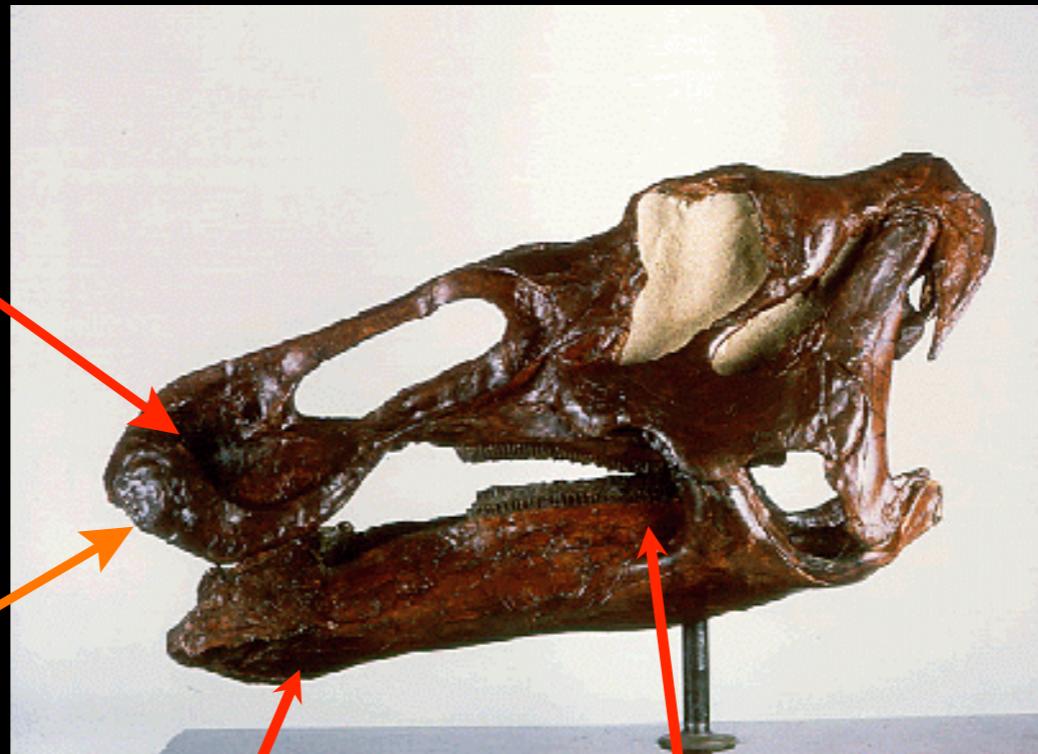
- Toothless premaxilla
- Smooth, rounded predentary
- Generally larger
- Derived forms (**Ankylopollexia**): Expanded dental batteries & spiked thumb

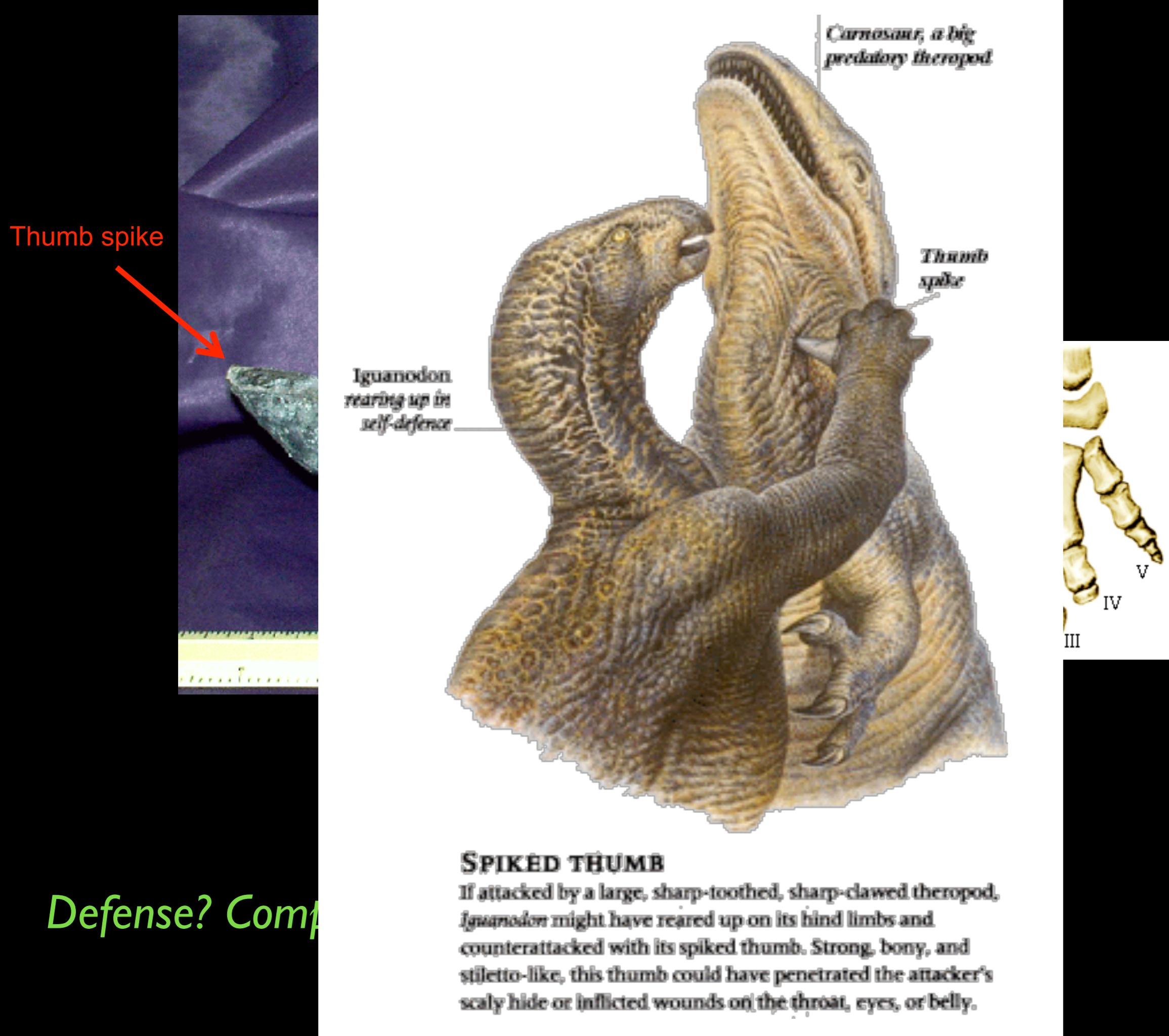
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no pmx teeth

broad predentary

many teeth in dental battery



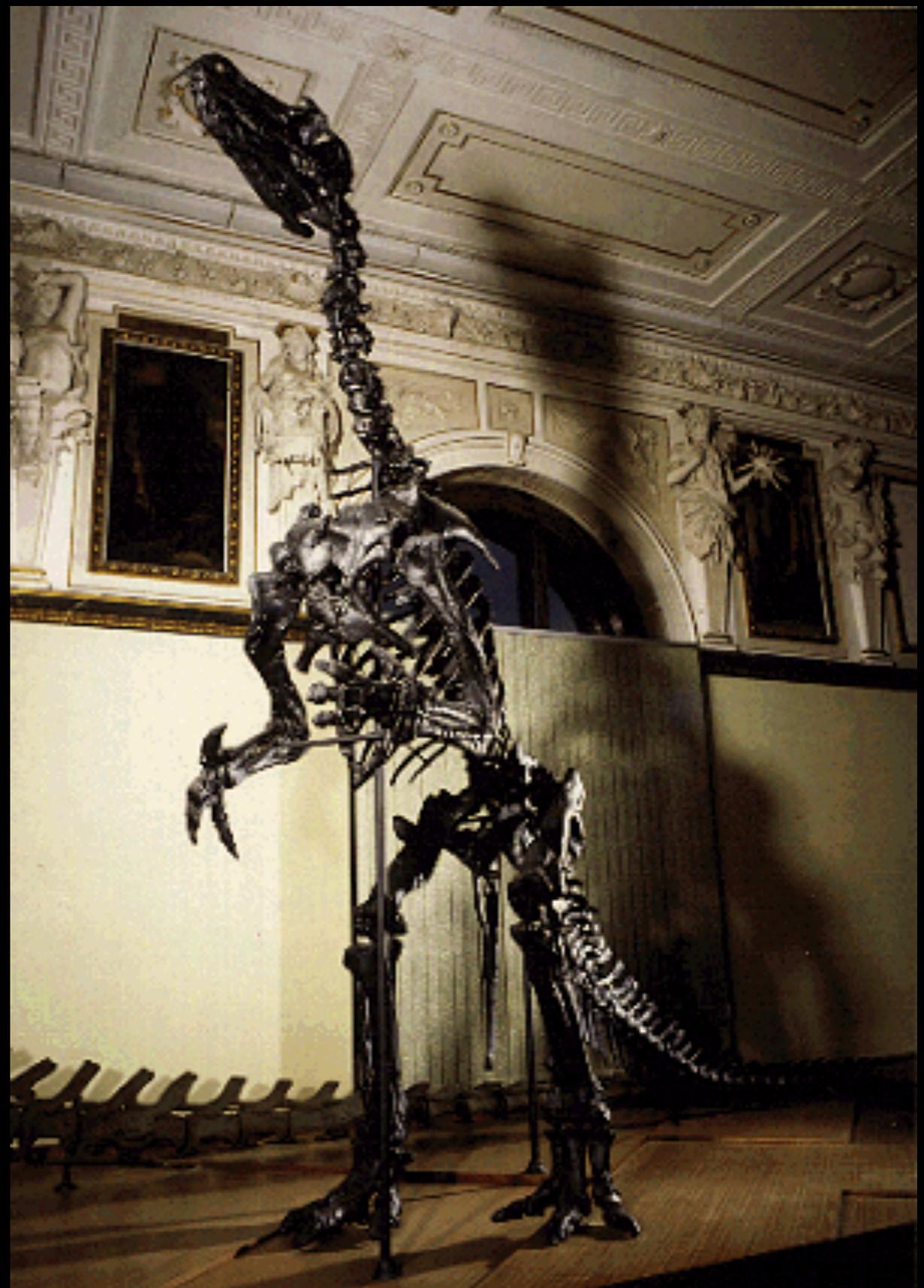
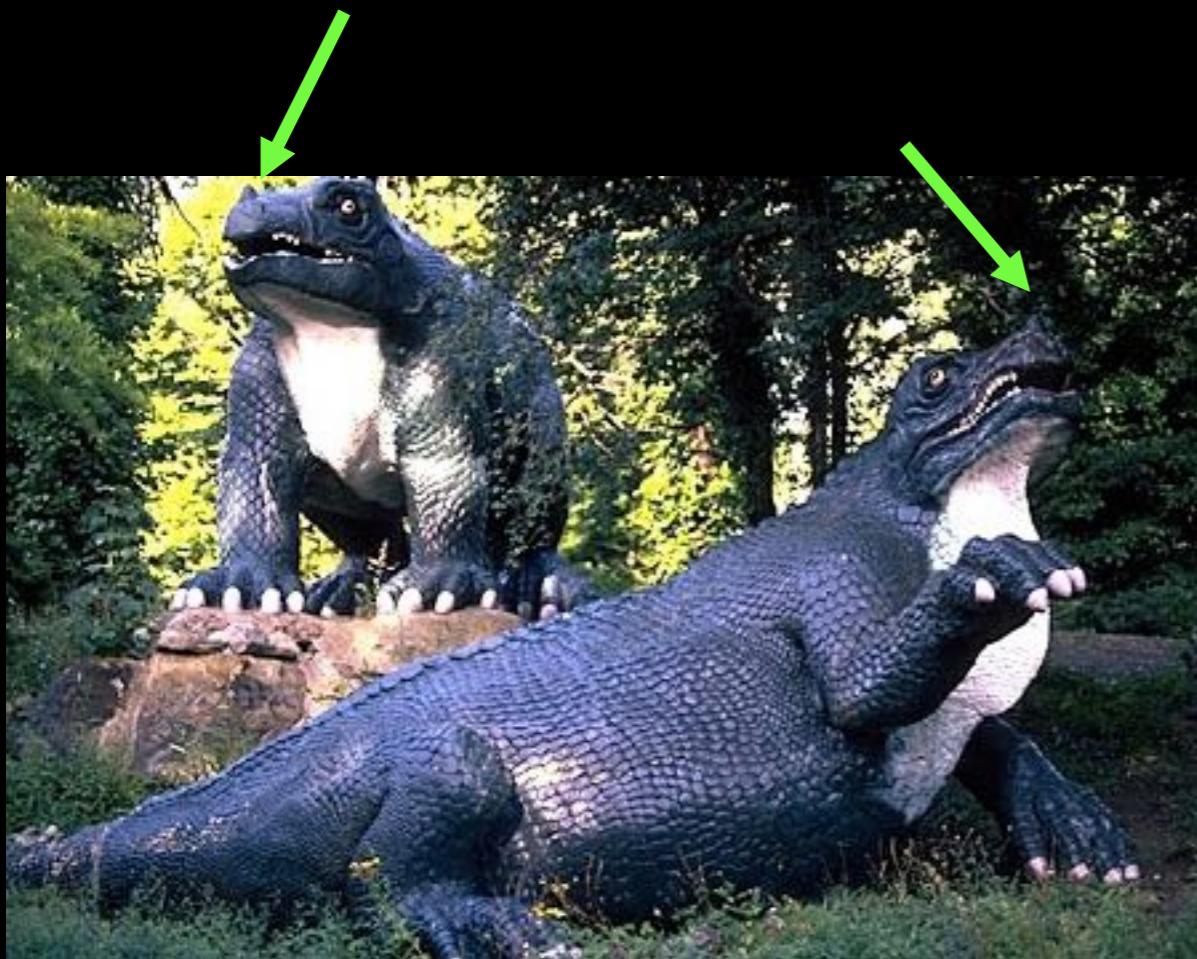


Defense? Complex

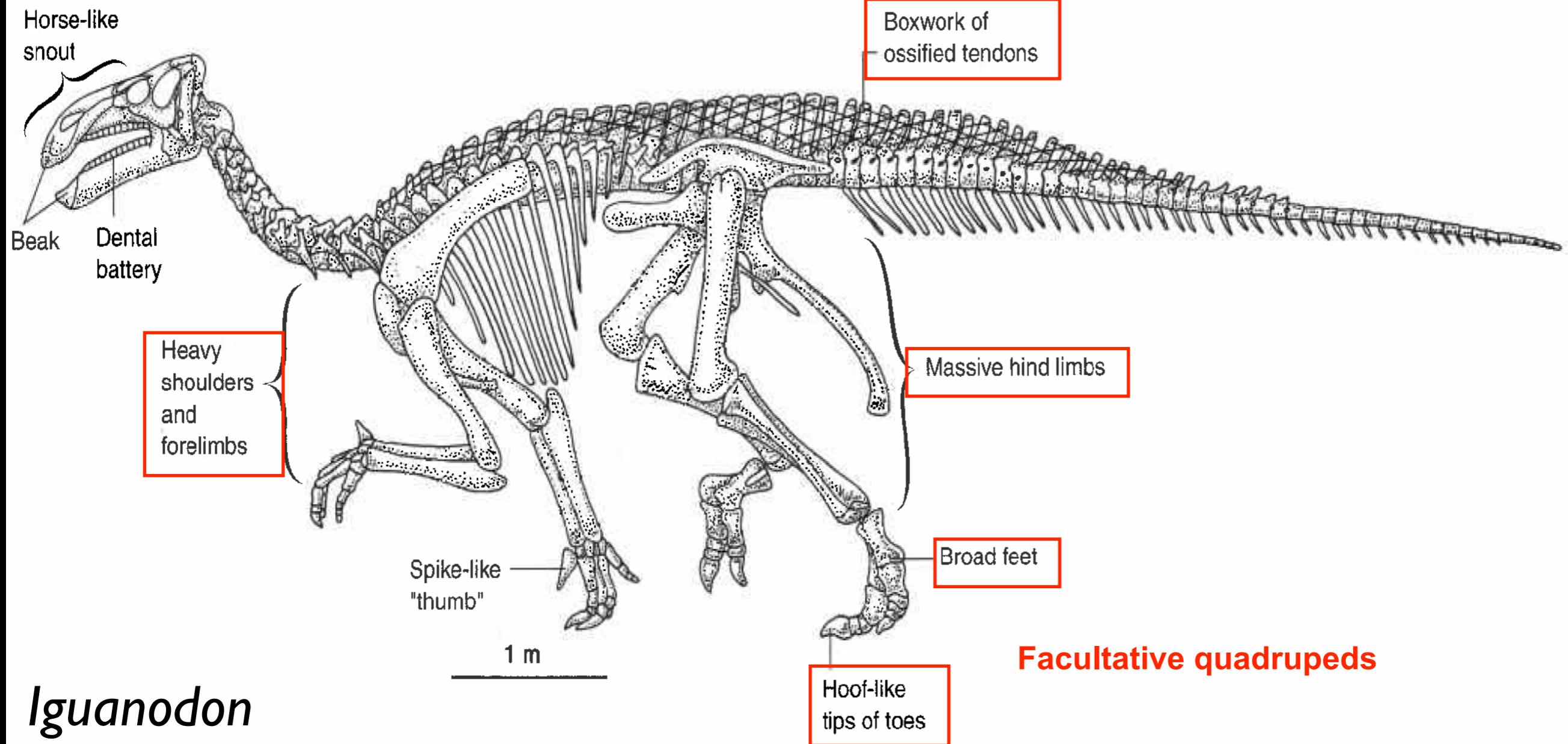
SPIKED THUMB

If attacked by a large, sharp-toothed, sharp-clawed theropod, *Iguanodon* might have reared up on its hind limbs and counterattacked with its spiked thumb. Strong, bony, and stiletto-like, this thumb could have penetrated the attacker's scaly hide or inflicted wounds on the throat, eyes, or belly.

Thumb spike placement



Big, with appropriate modifications.





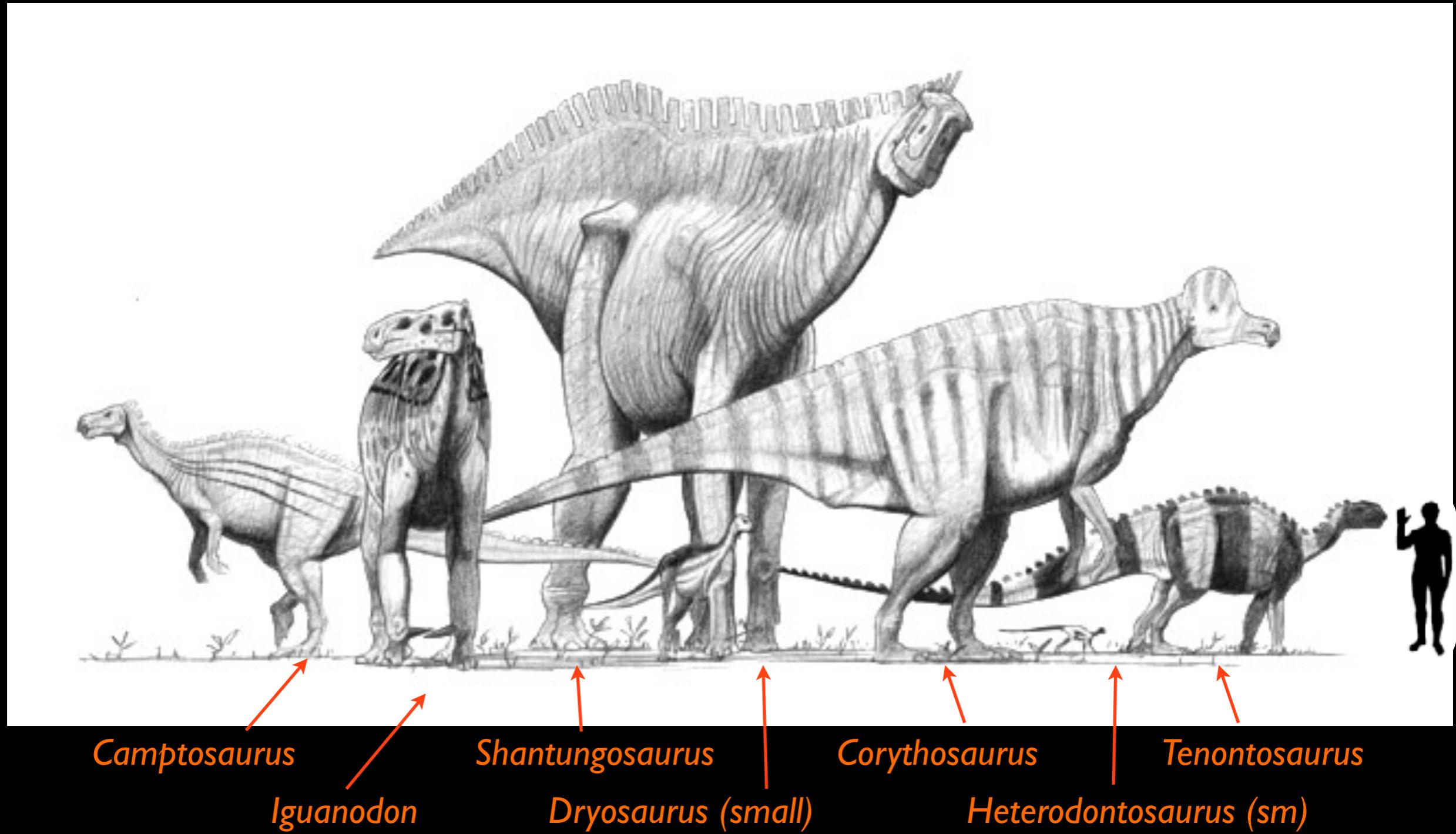


Obligate Bipedal
Facultative Bipedal



Tenontosaurus

Scales: Ornithopods, great and small

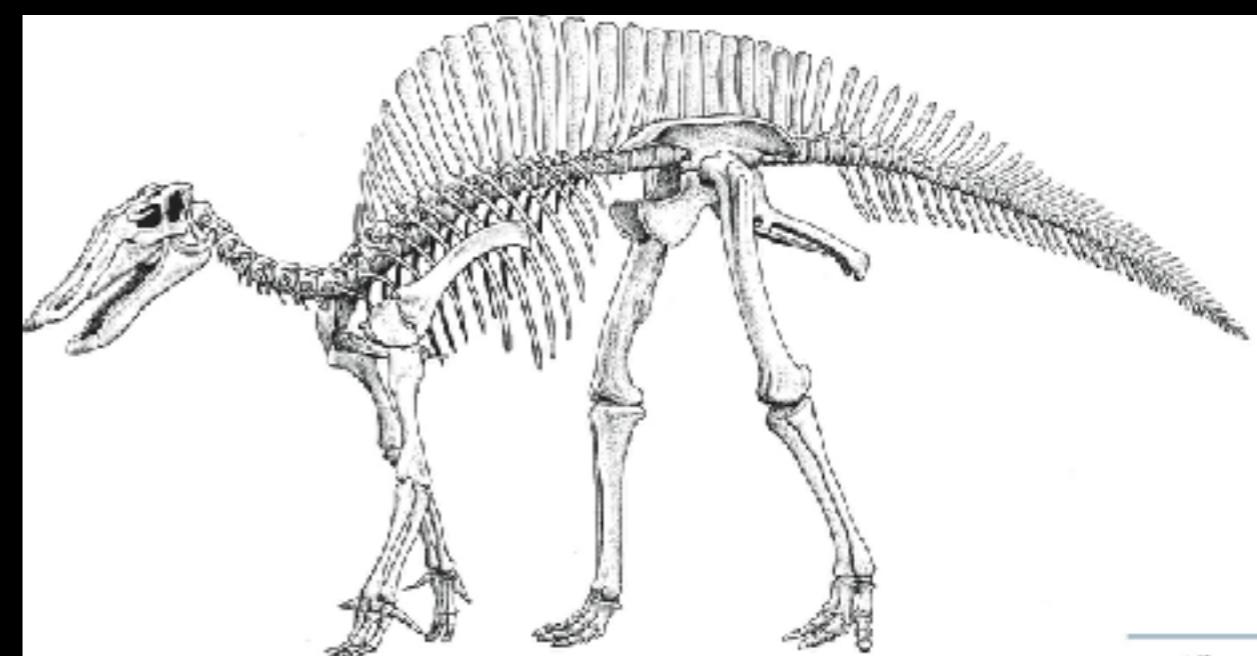


Dryosaurus: one of the smallest; 2.4 - 4.3 m long; 200 lbs

Shantungosaurus: one of the largest; skull 1.6 m (5 ft);
length: 15 m (50 ft); 16 tonnes = 35,274 lbs

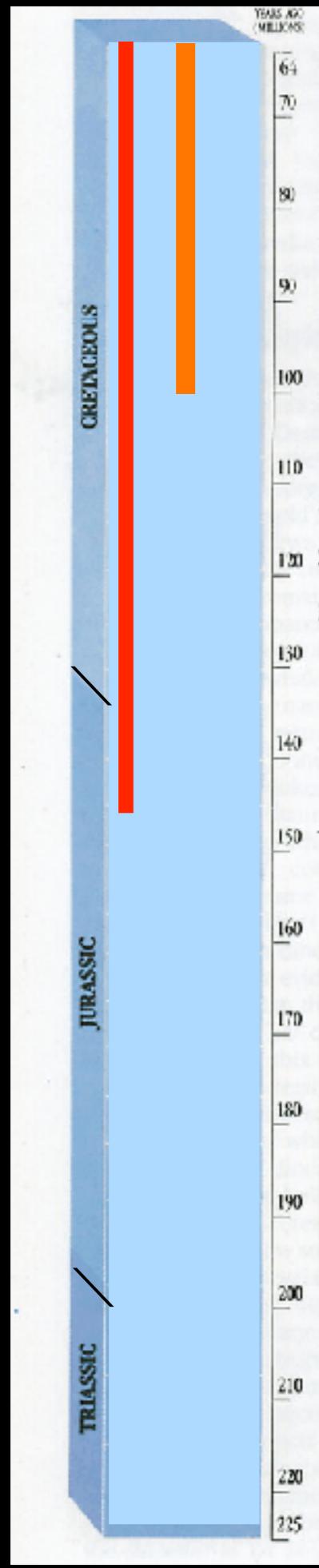


Ouranosaurus
(Niger)



Triassic

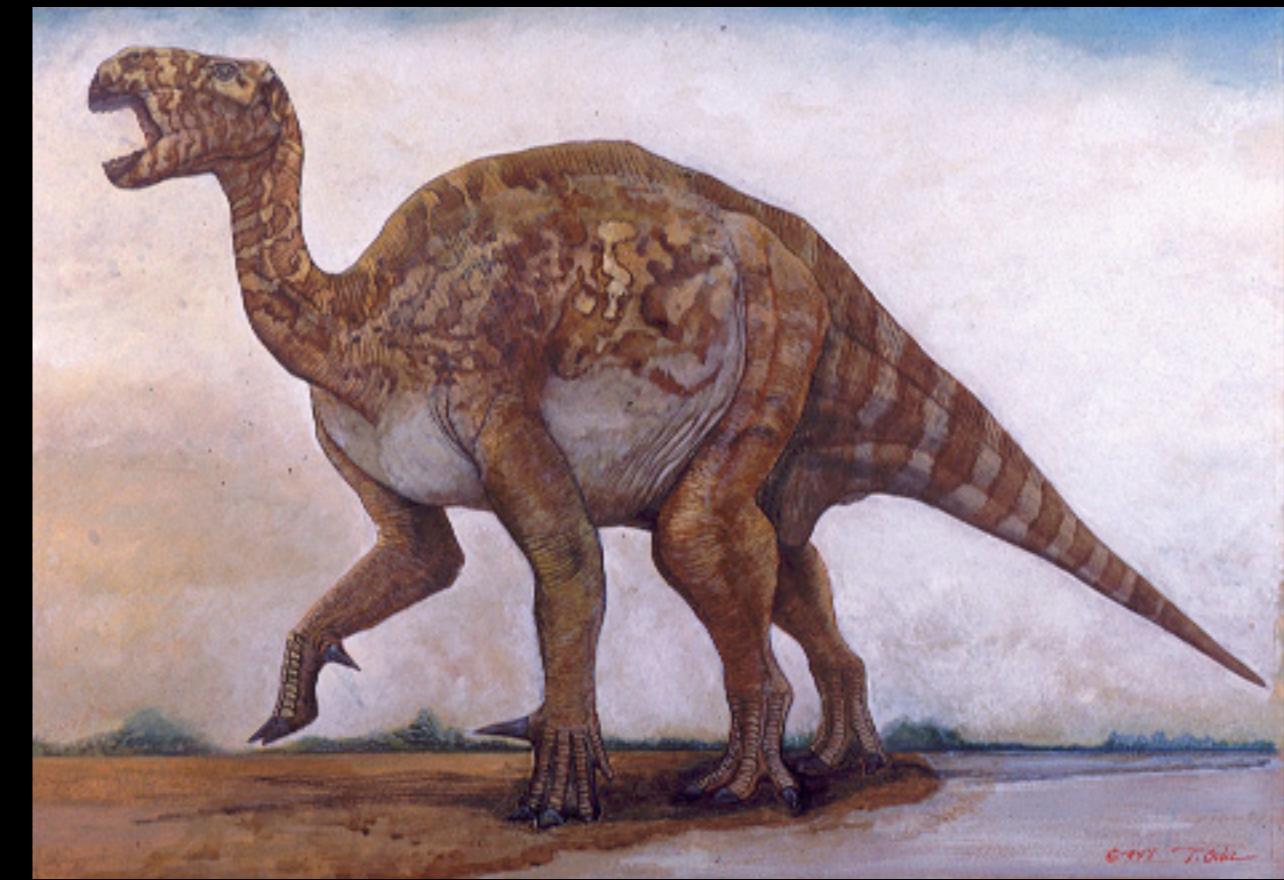
Cretaceous

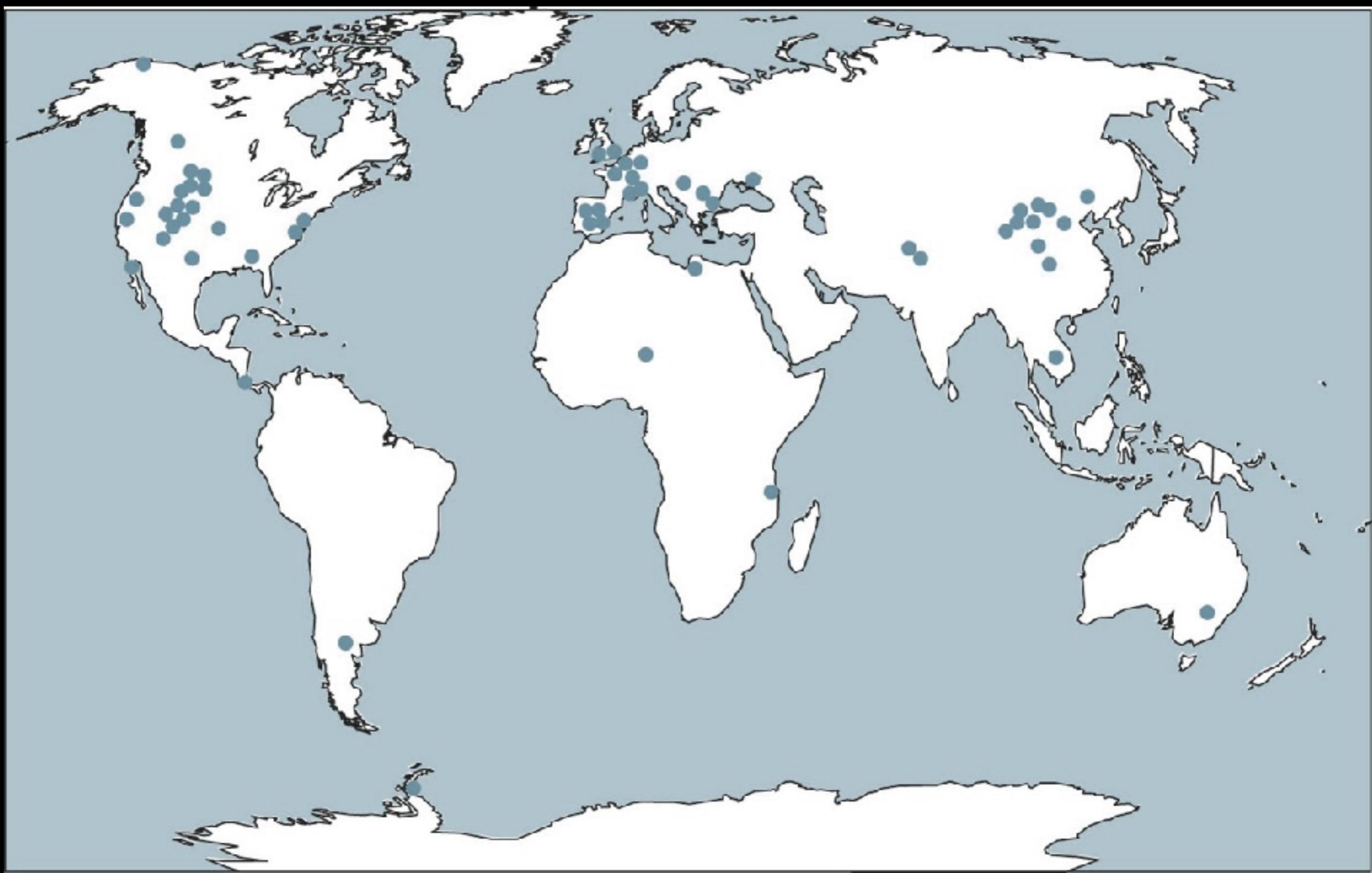


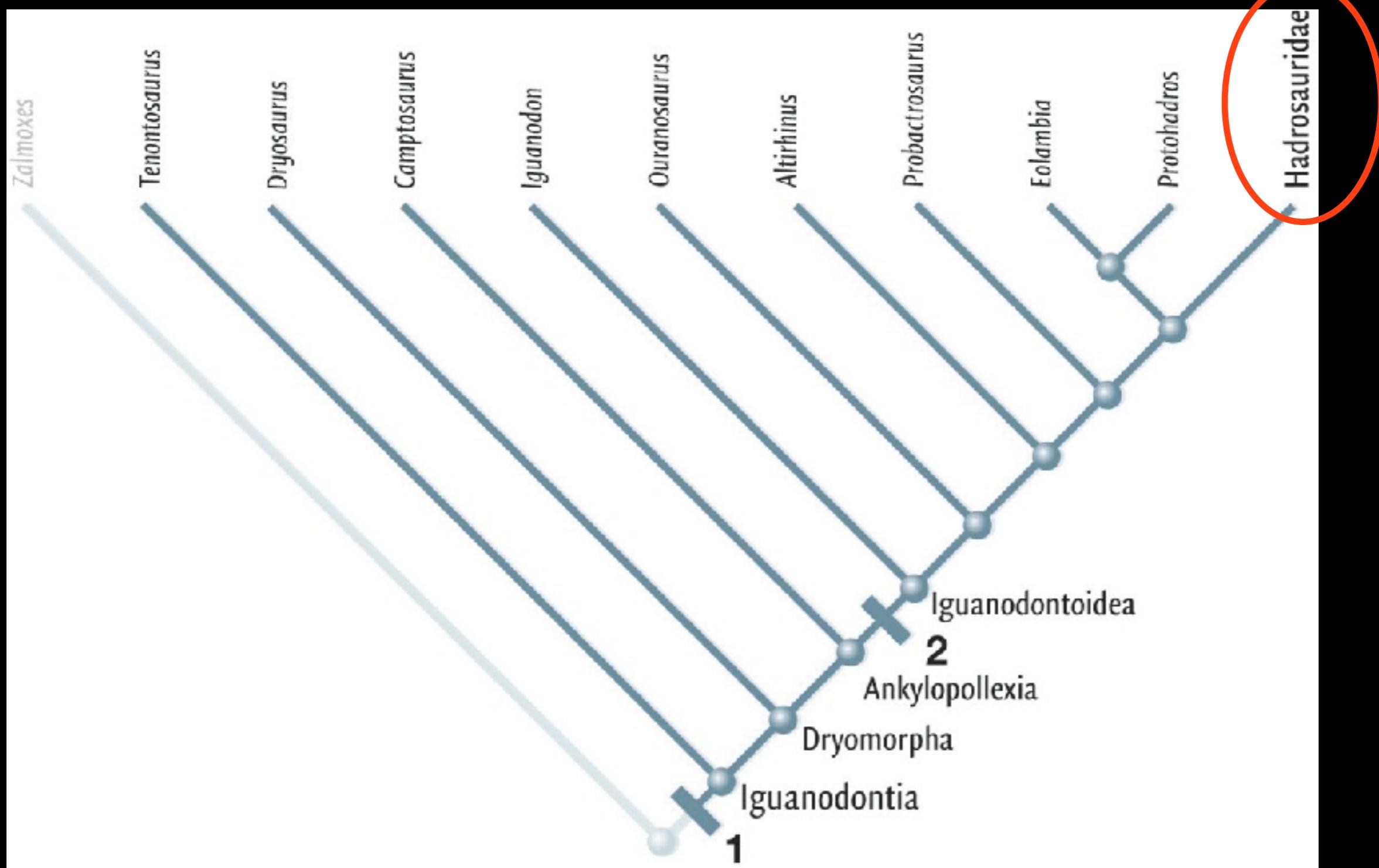
Hadrosaurid time range



Non-hadrosaurid iguanodontian time range





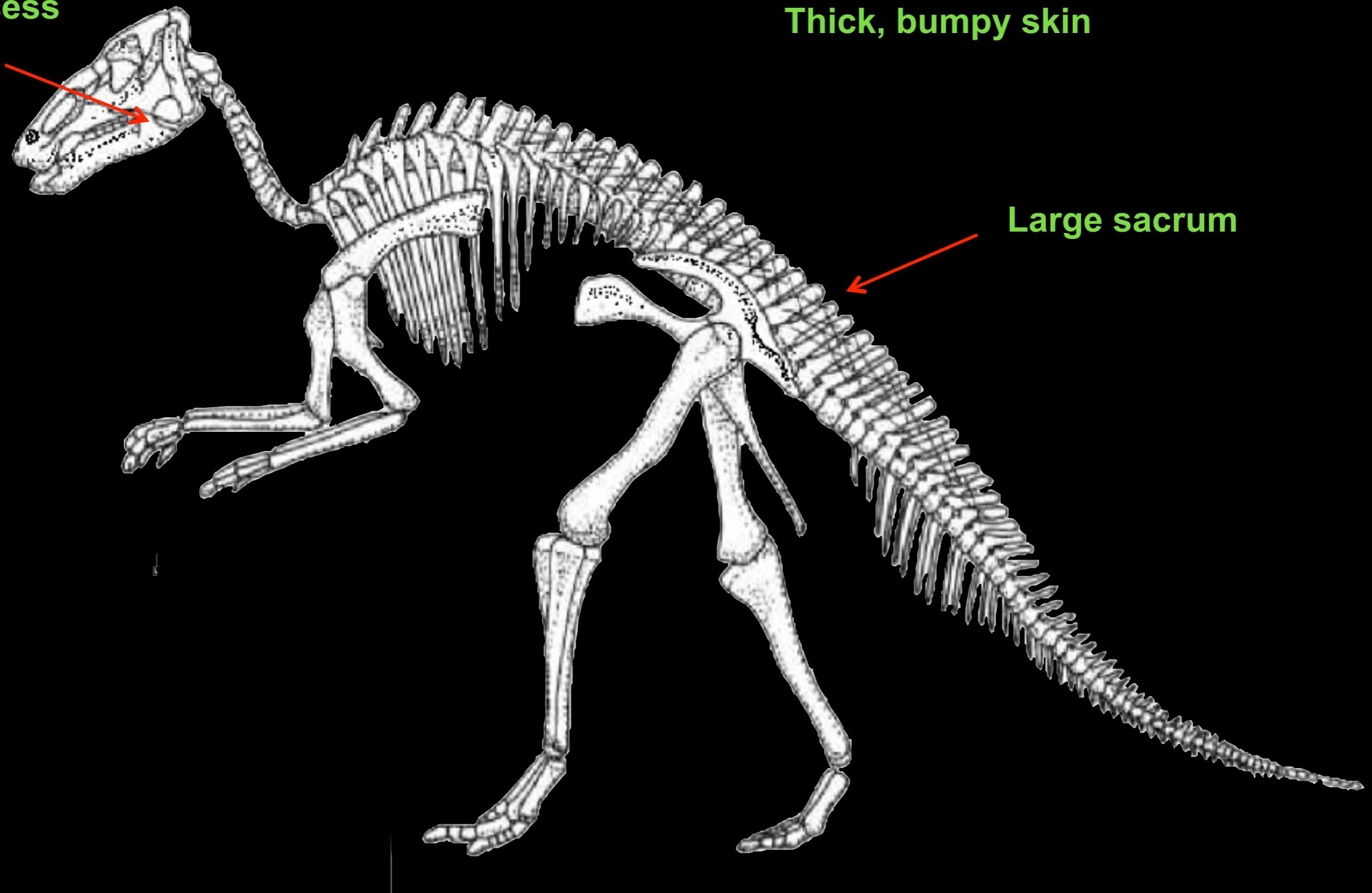


Hadrosaurids

Well developed dental battery

Modifications to skull and mandible to enhance chewing efficiency

**Large coronoid
process**



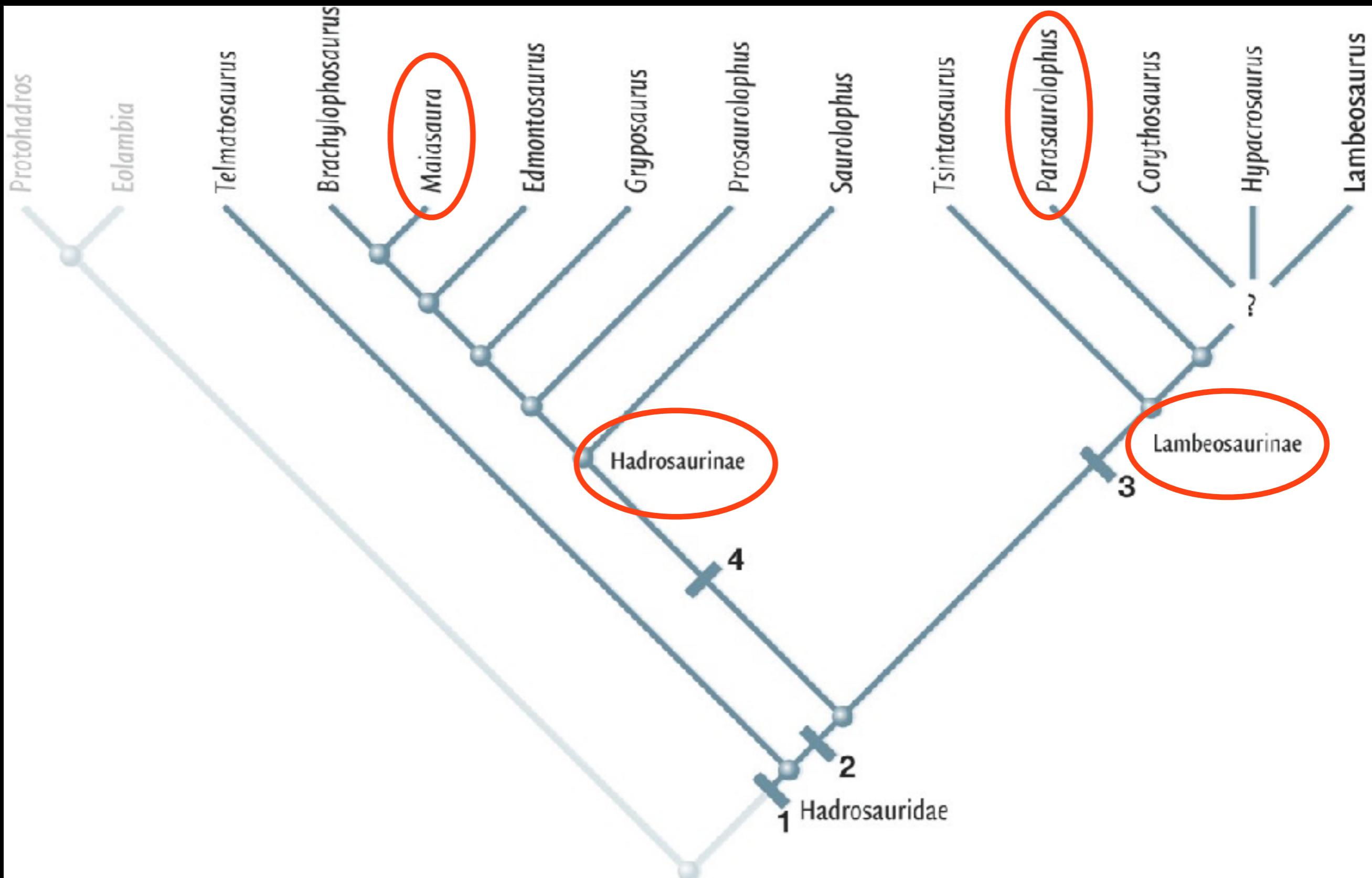
Thick, bumpy skin

Large sacrum



Hadrosaur front foot
Anatotitan





Meet the Hadrosaurines (wide snouts)



Anatosaurus





Edmontosaurus



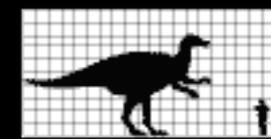


Maiasaura

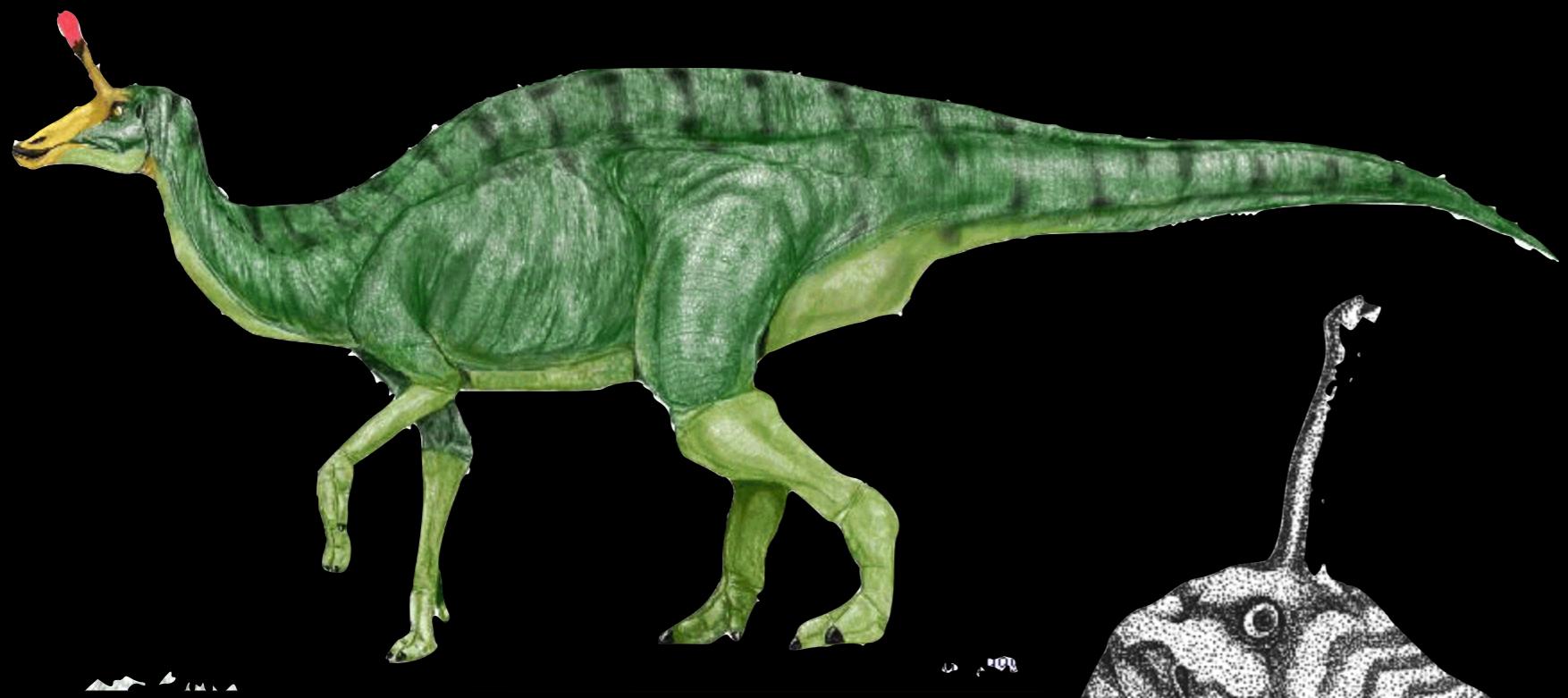
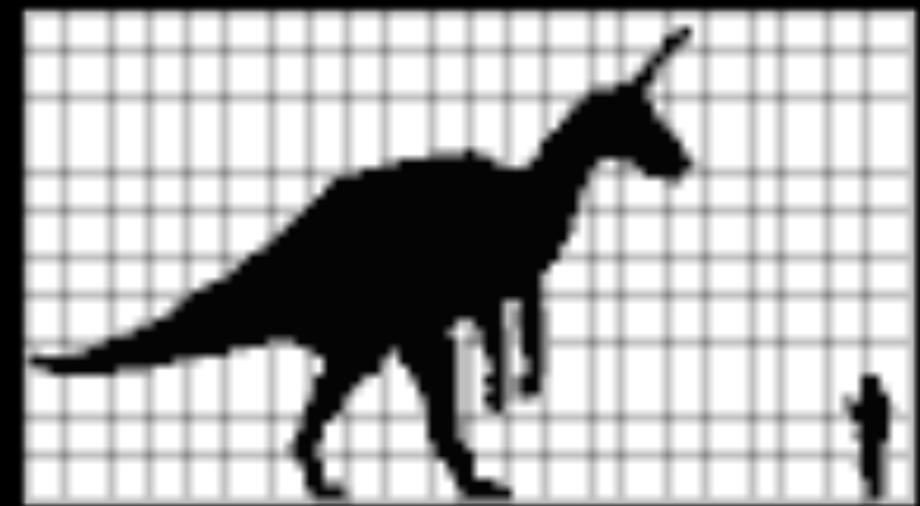




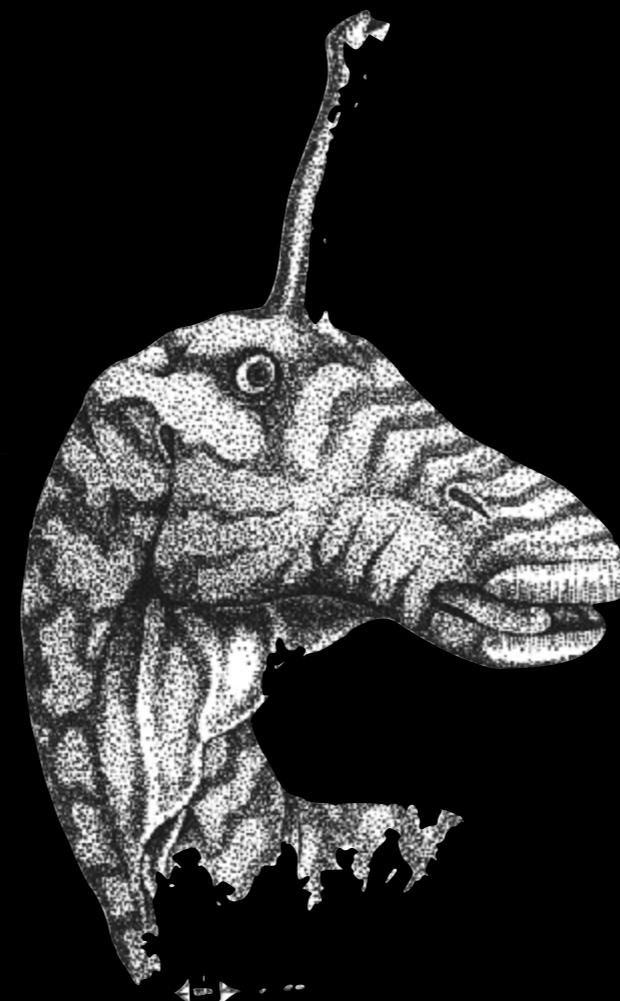
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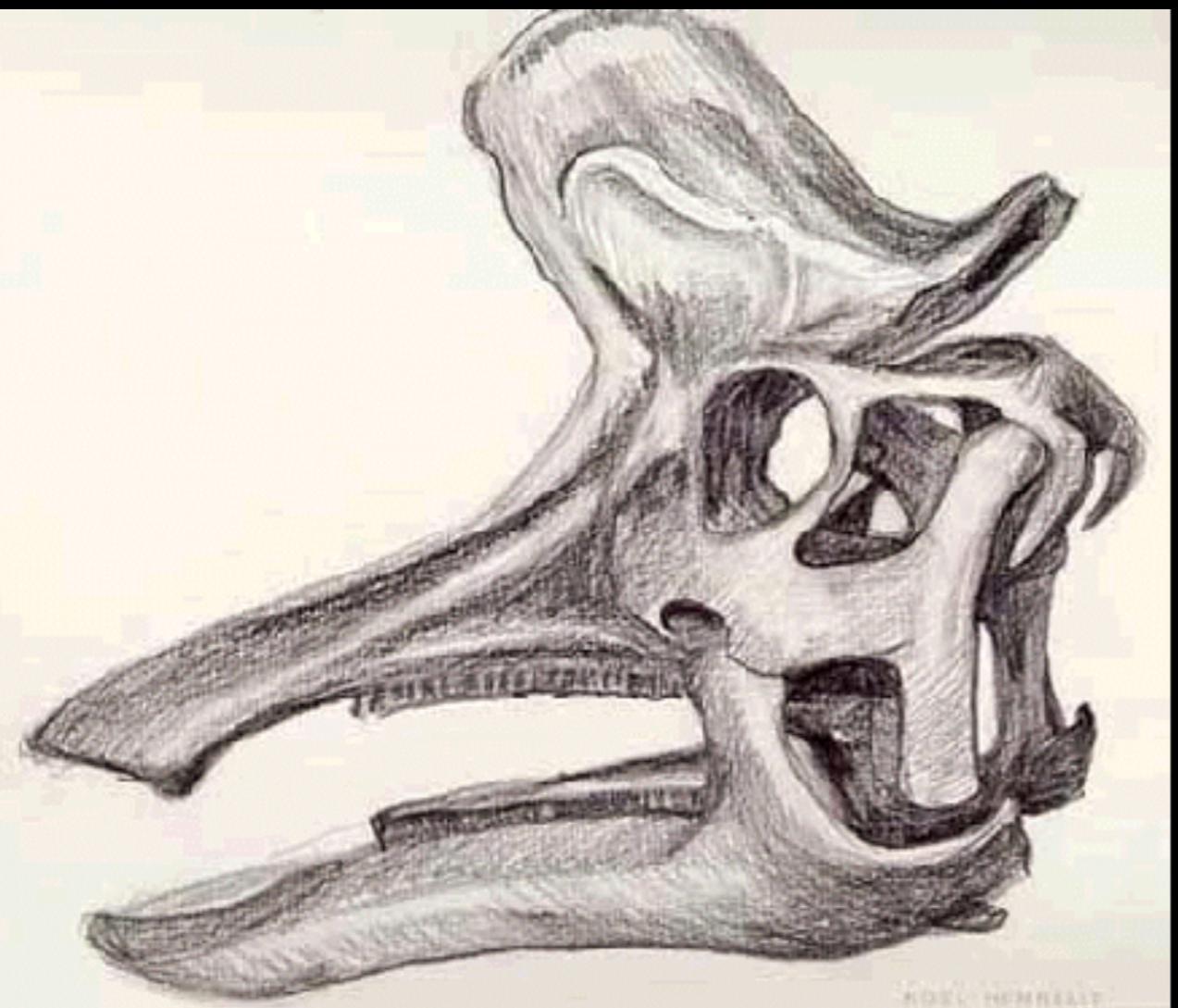


Meet the Lambeosaurines

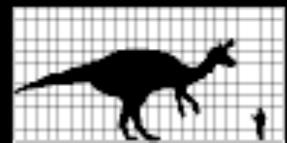


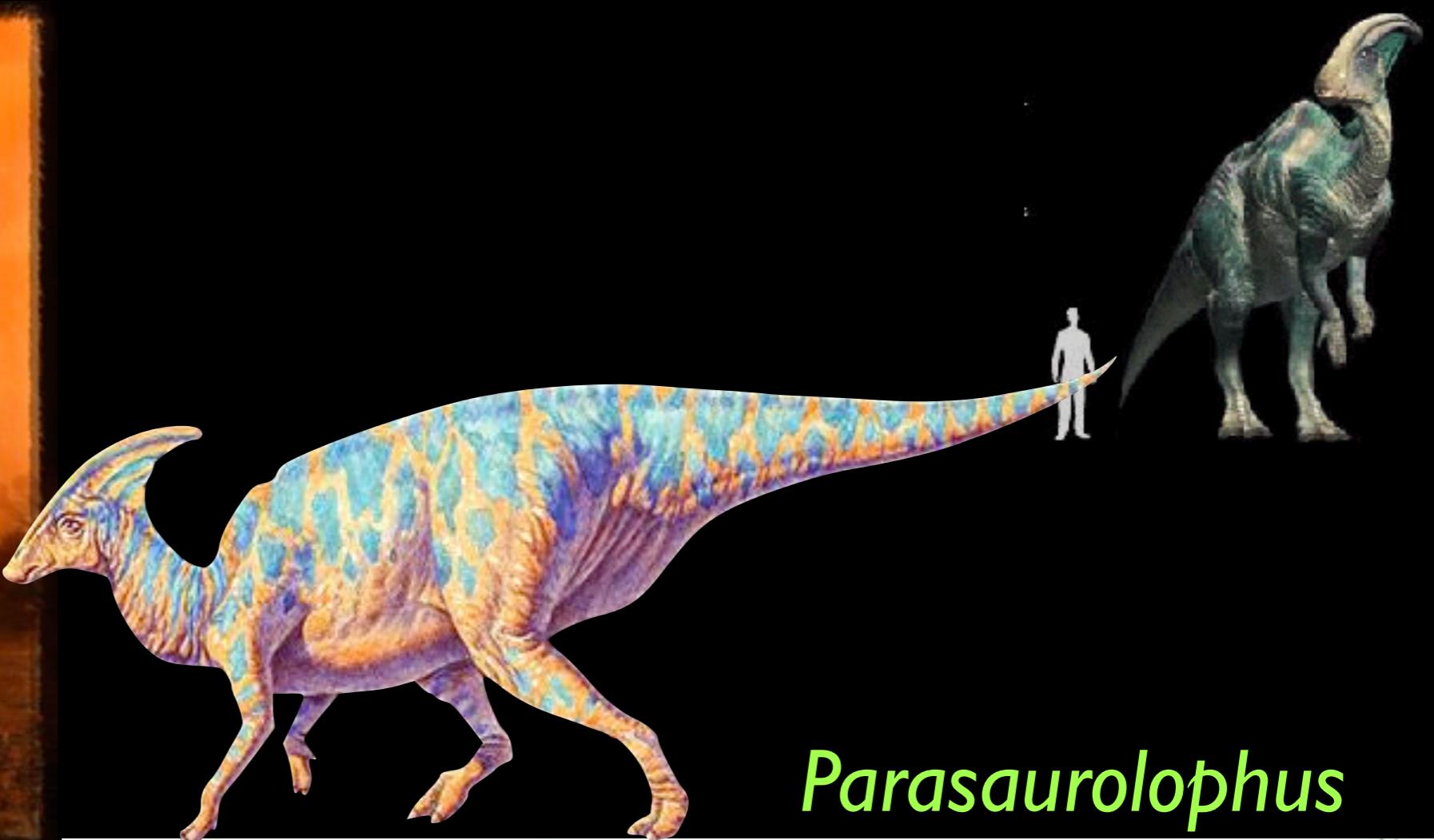
Tsintaosaurus



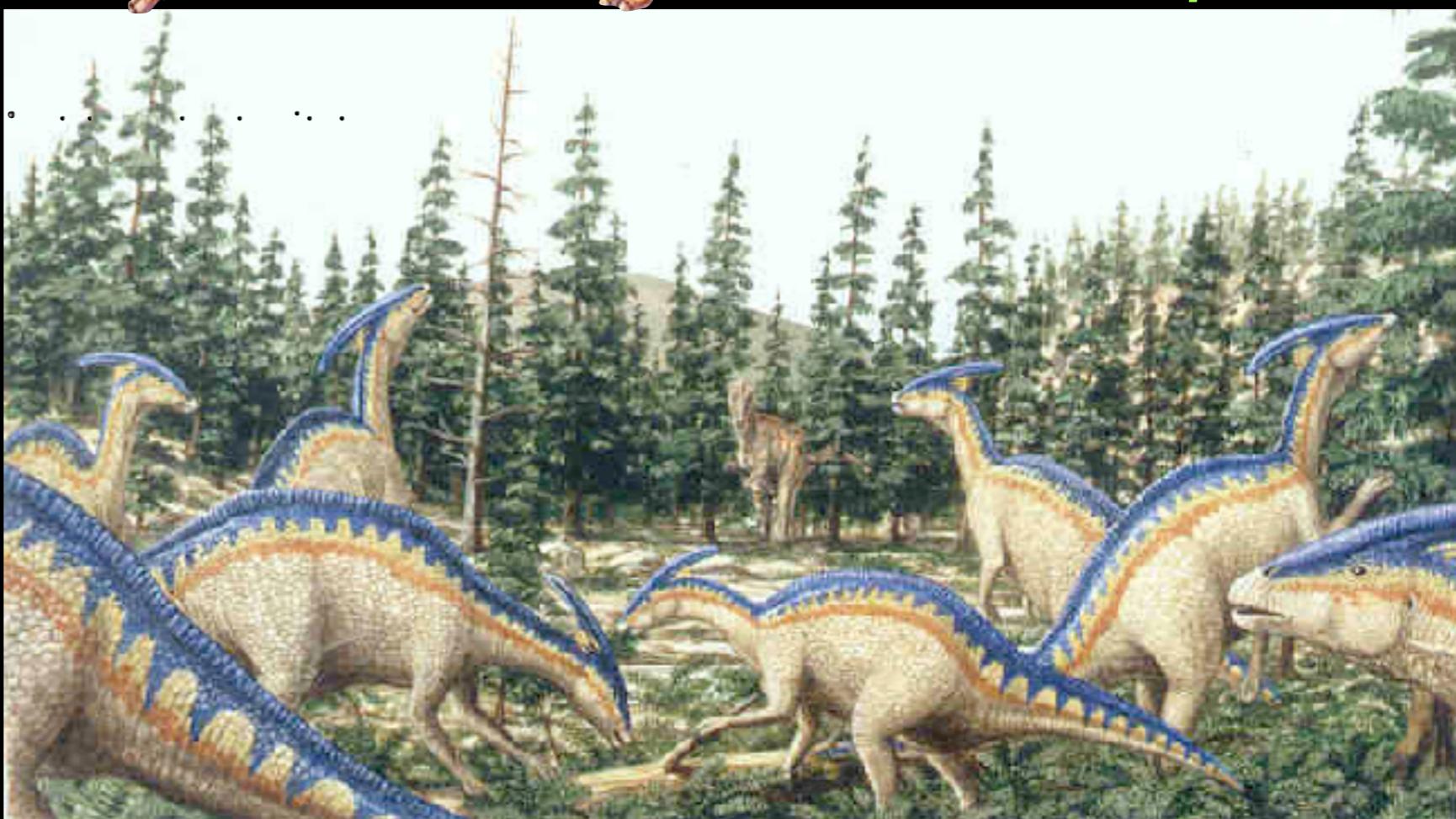


Lambeosaurus



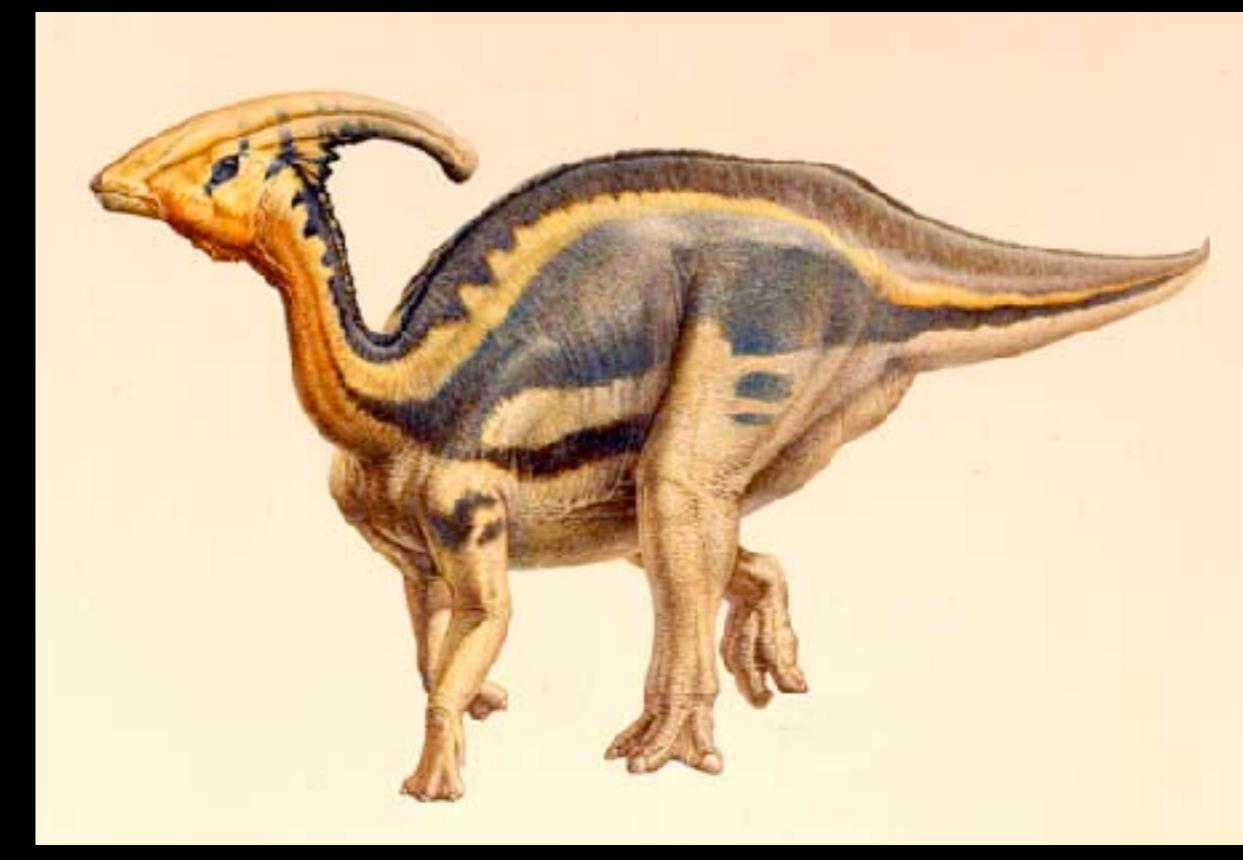
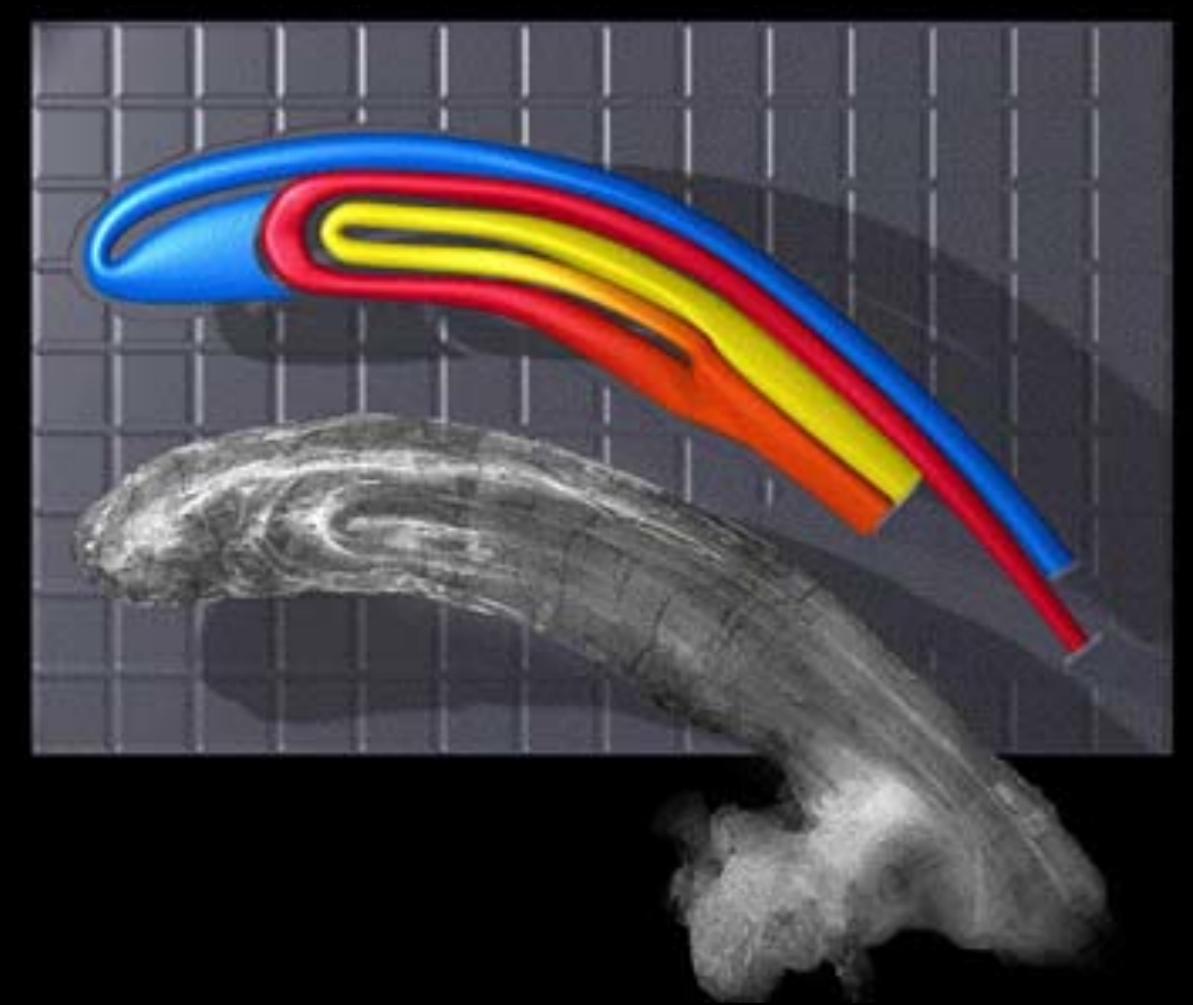


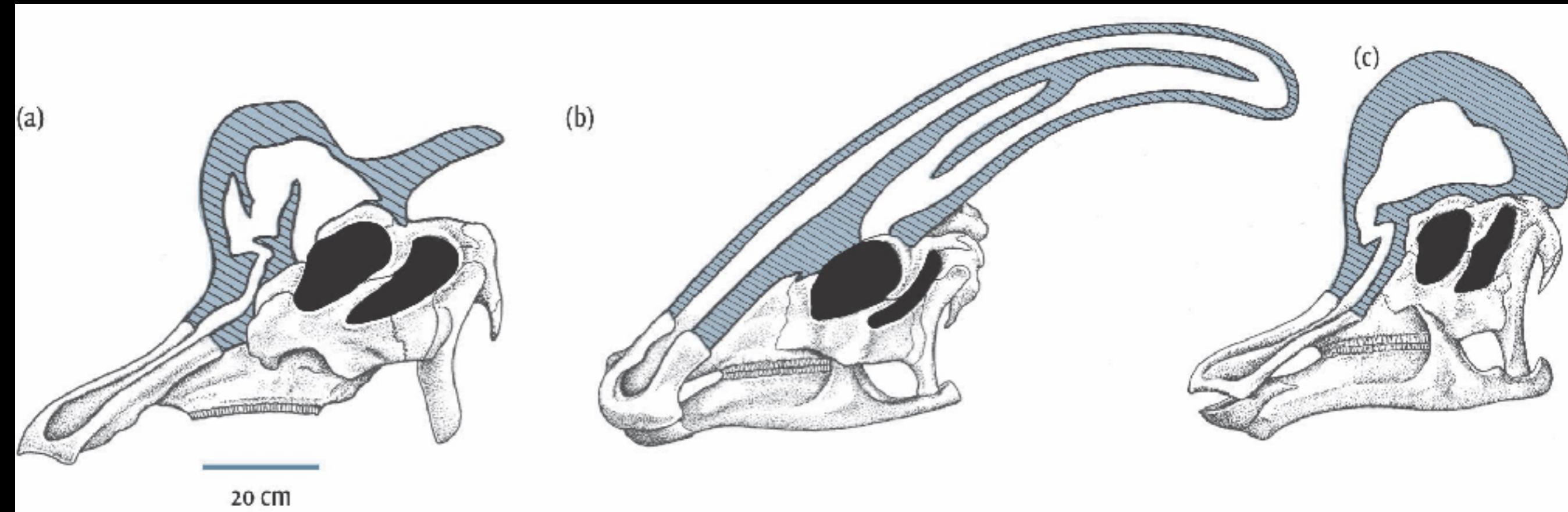
Parasaurolophus





Snorkel?





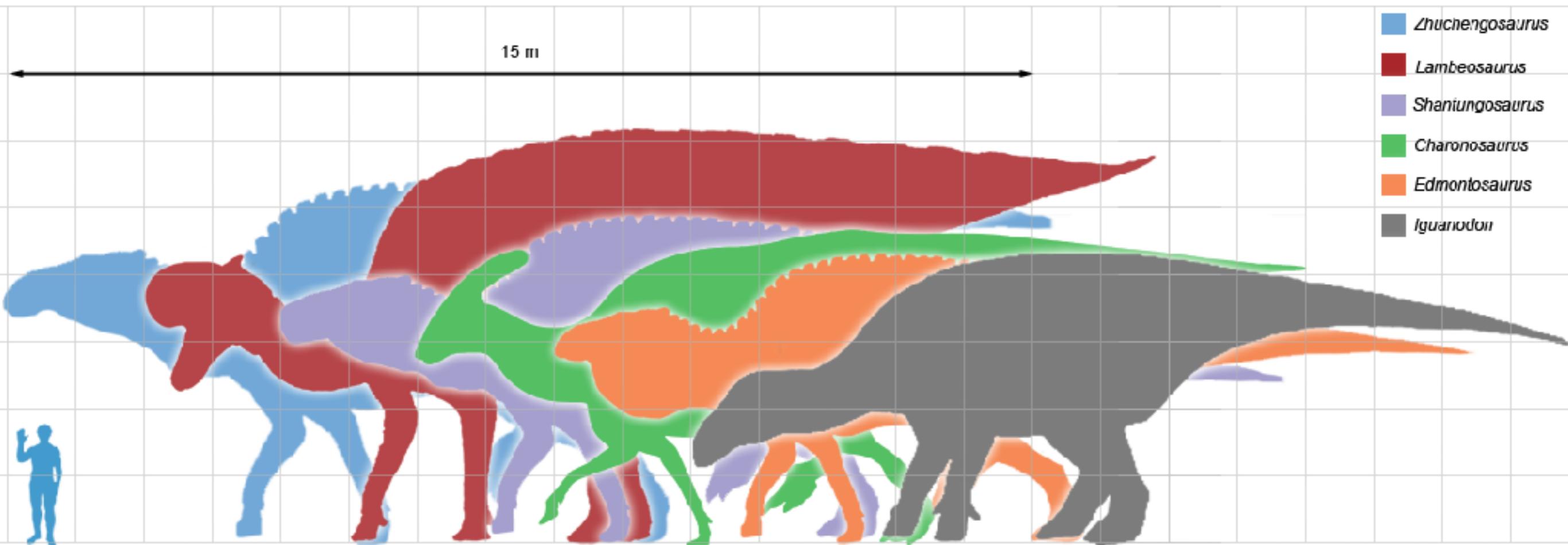
Lambeosaurus

Parasaurolophus

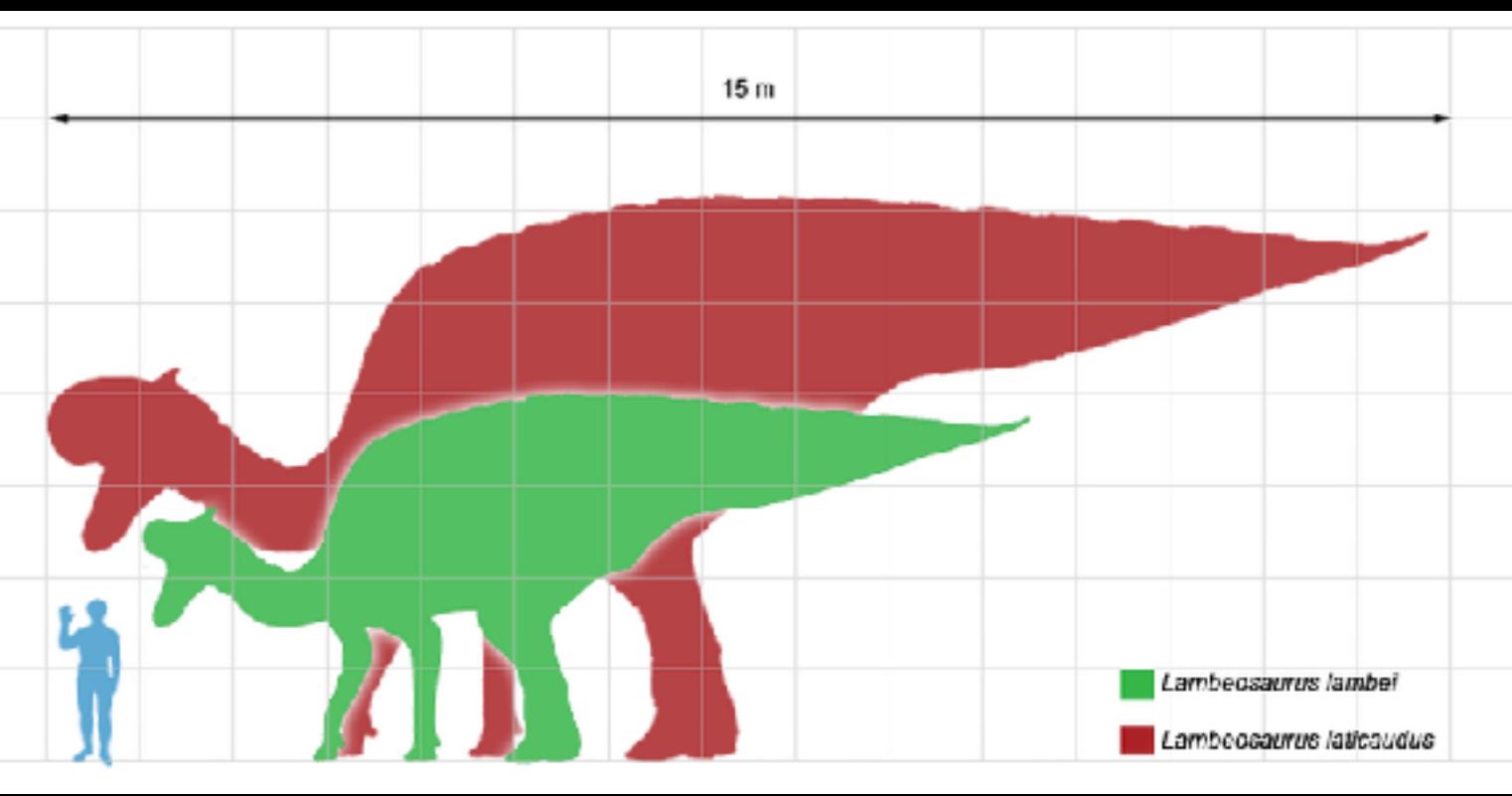
Corythosaurus



Hadrosaur skin



Scales: the largest Hadrosaurids

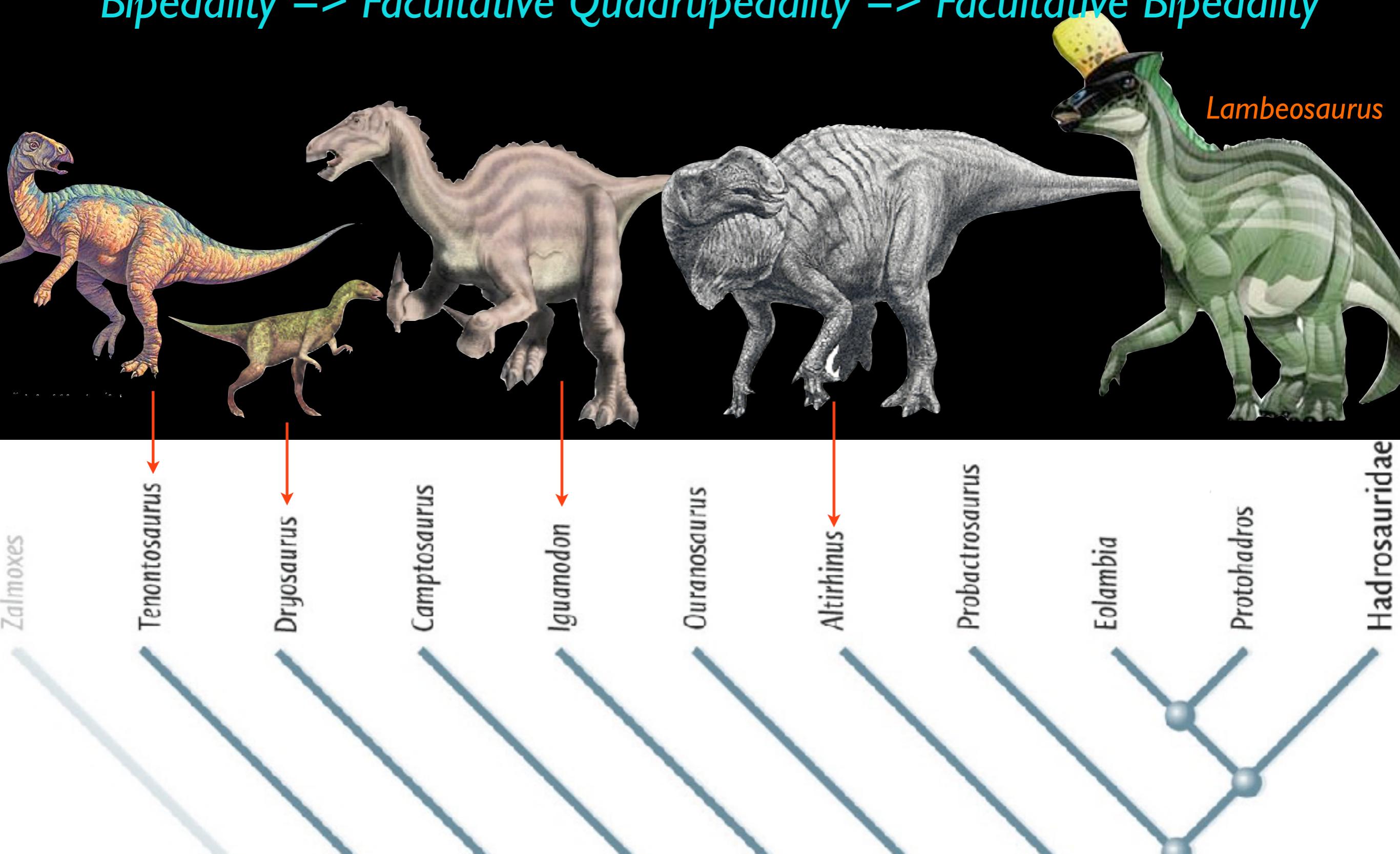


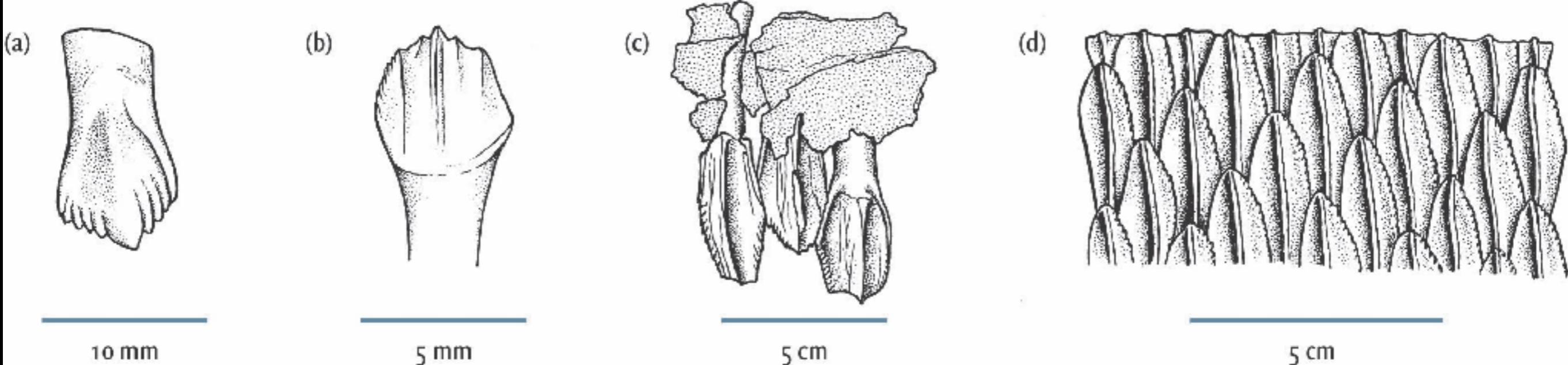
Major Evolutionary Trends

1. Efficient, robust dental battery

2. Larger body size

Bipedality => Facultative Quadrapedality => Facultative Bipedality





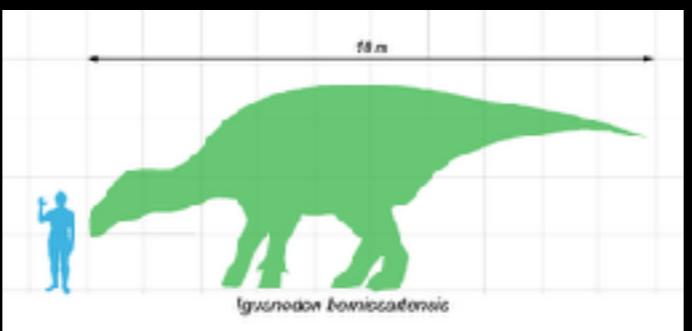
Lycorhinus
(Heterodontosaurid)



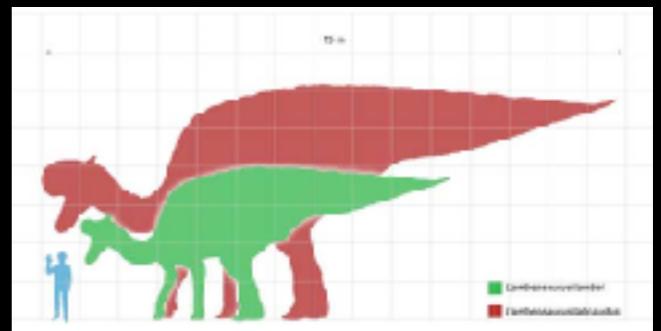
Hypsilophodon



Iguanodon



Lambeosaurus



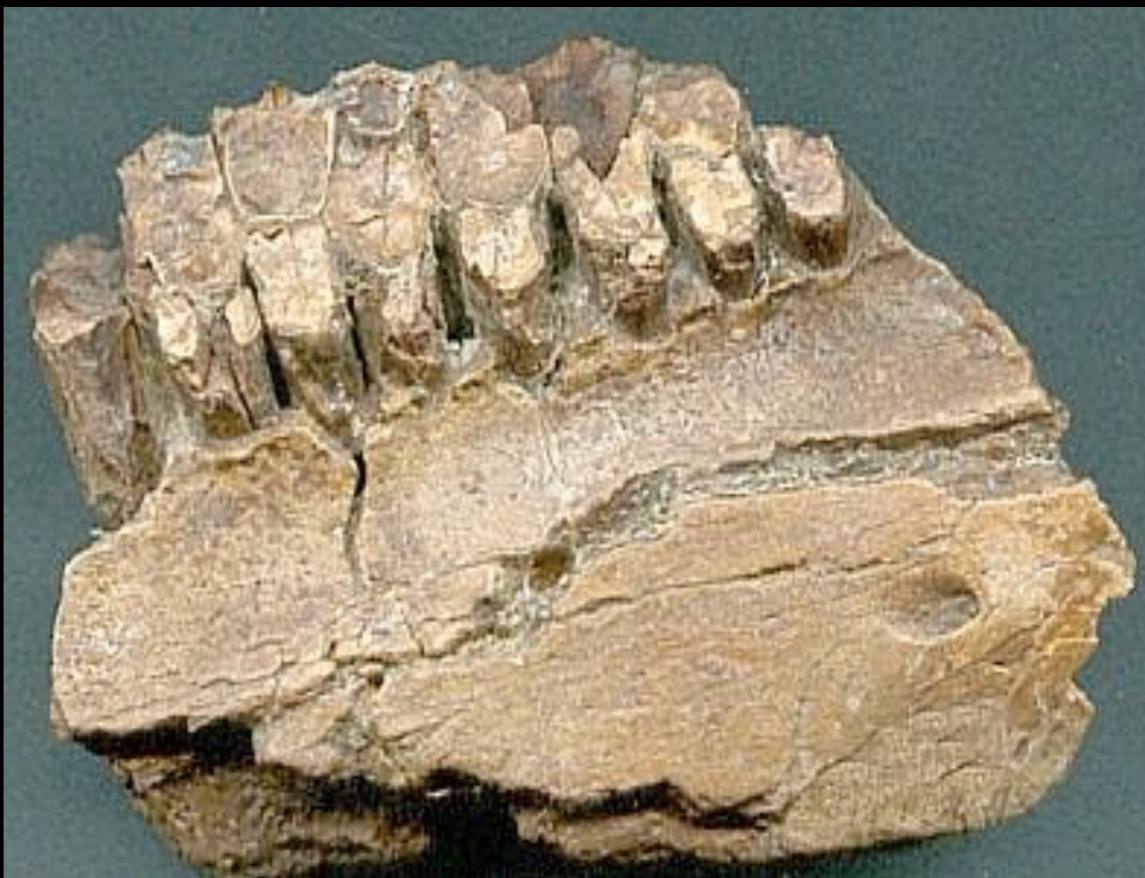
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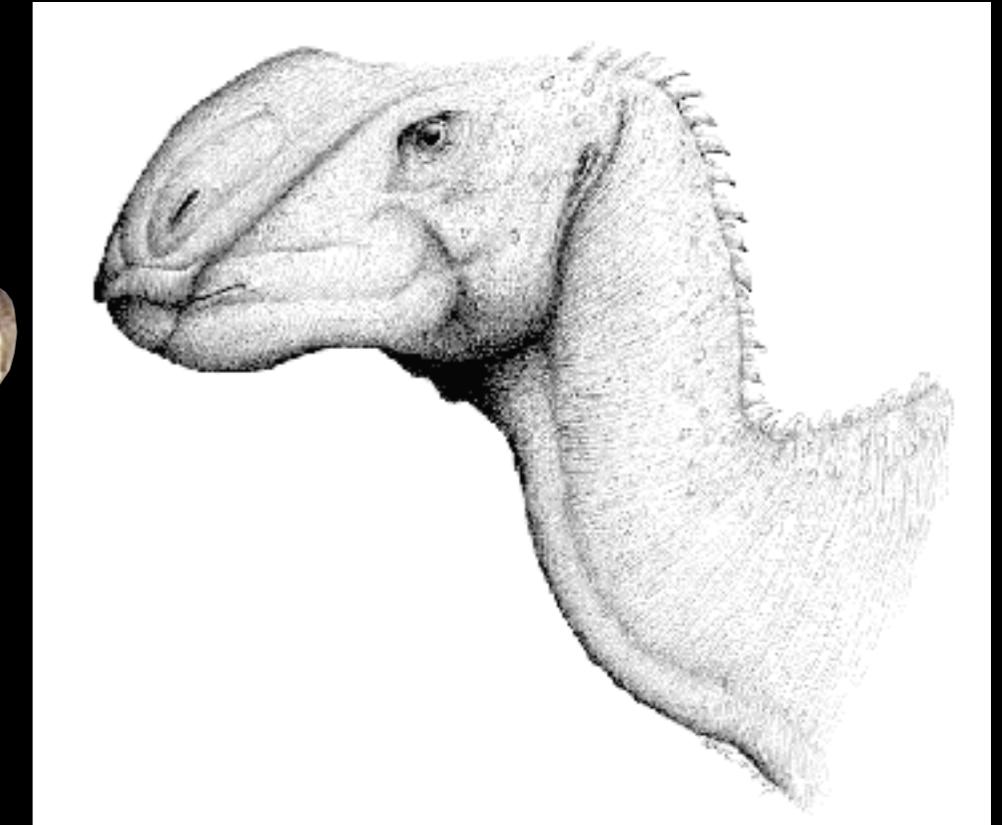
Gastroliths

Large, robust coronoid process

Deep, inset tooth row



Brachylophosaurus

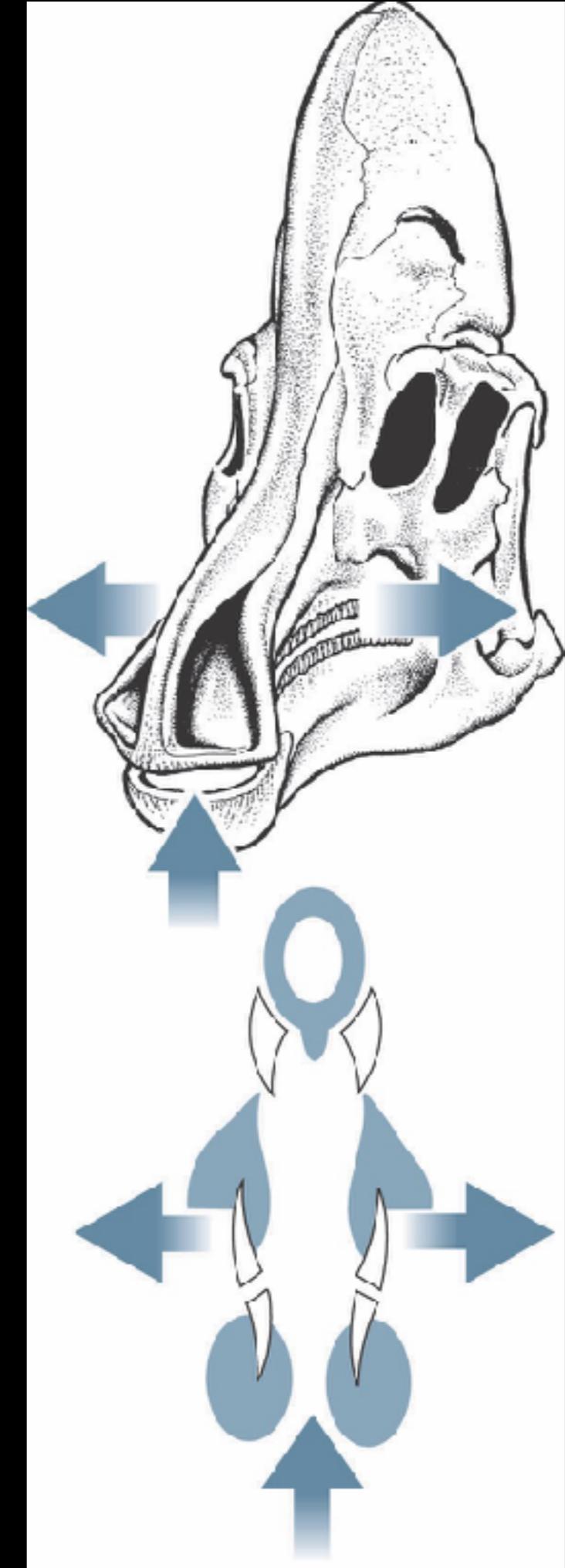


A new type of chewing (Euornithopoda)

Pleurokinesis

Lateral mobility of UPPER jaws

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Sr5is7-wdk>



Visualizing the Pleurokinetic Model for Mastication in an Undescribed Hadrosauroid Dinosaur



So what did they eat?

Twigs, fruits, berries

Ground cover

Lower level foliage from conifers

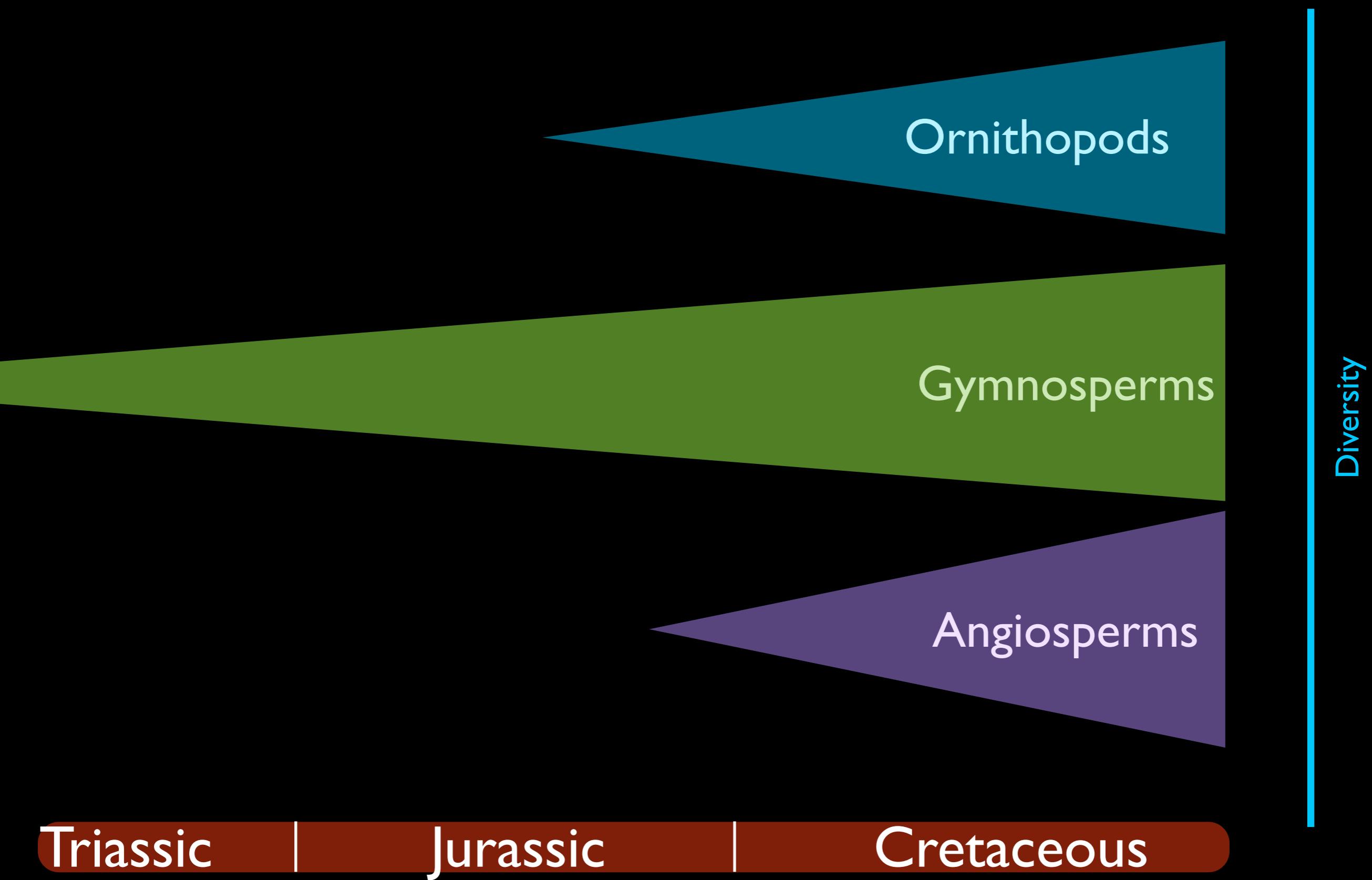
Newly evolving Angiosperms

Limited to 1-2 meters off the ground; larger animals, up to 4 meters (13 ft)



Evolutionary Trends

Ornithopod diversity and plant diversity

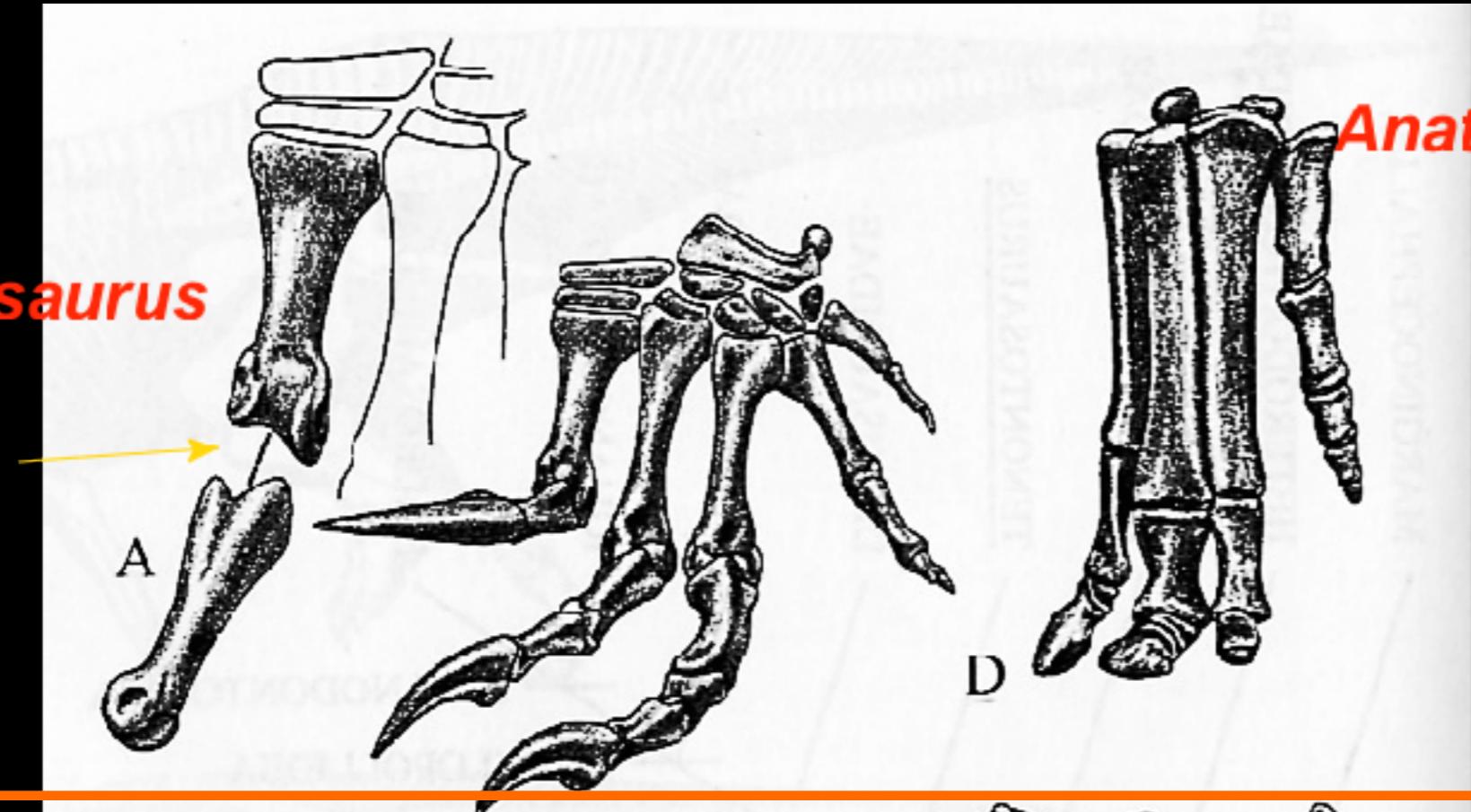




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LUNCH BREAK!

Heterodontosaurus
*Basal
Ornithopod*



Hadrosaur

Camptosaurus

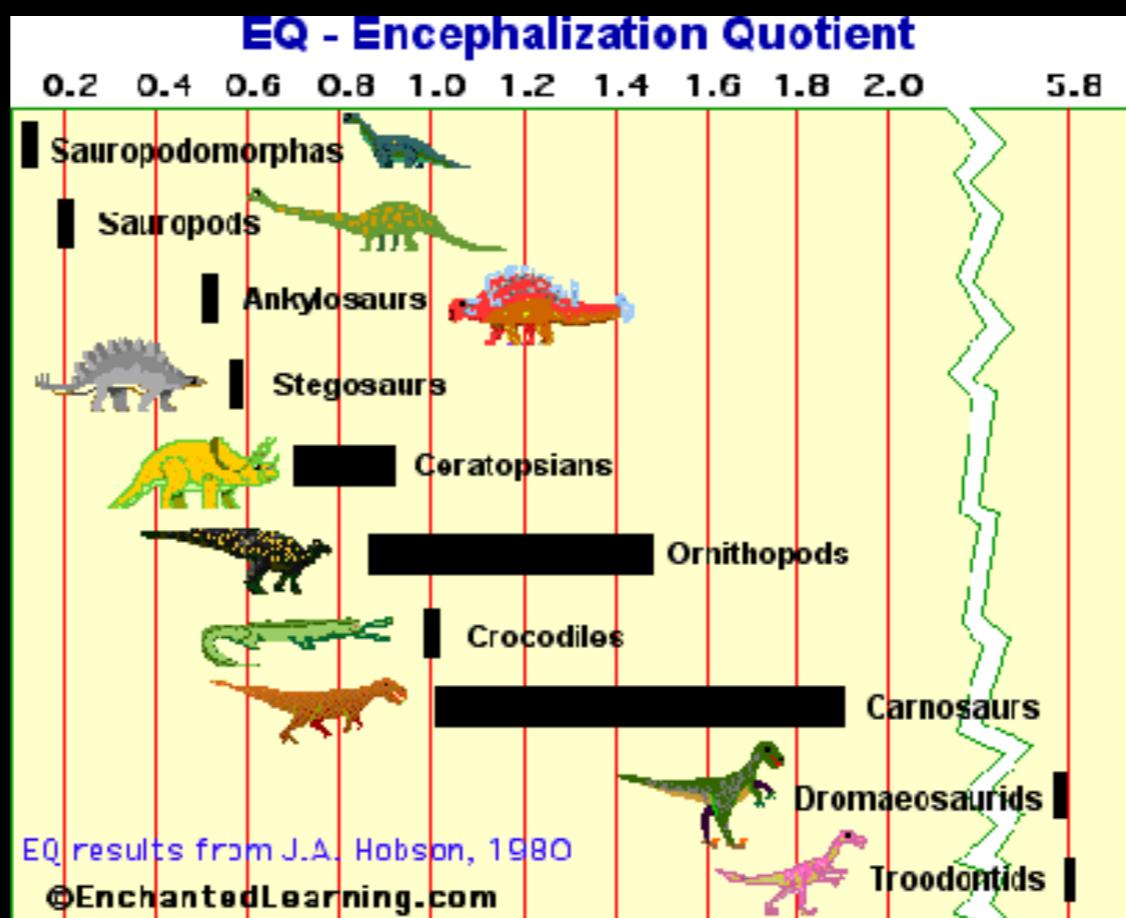


Iguanodon

*Closely related
non-Hadrosaur
Iguanodontians*

Loss of hand flexibility over time

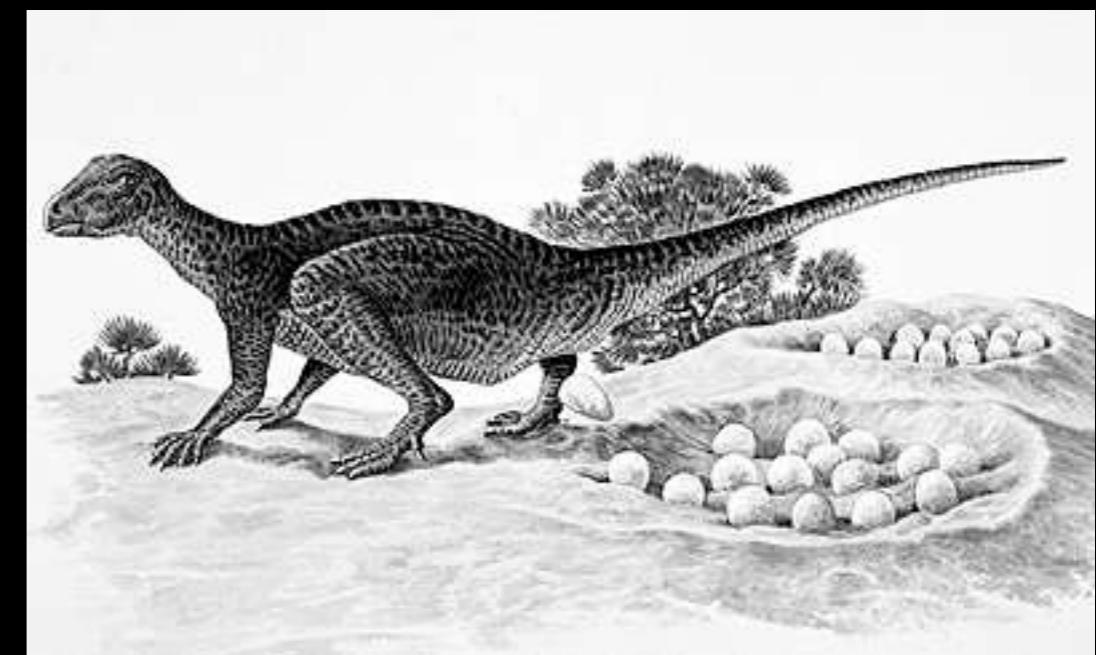
Brains



+ fossil evidence==> “sophisticated”
social behavior

Behavior!

- 1) Hadrosaur head gear
- 2) Herding
- 3) Reproductive Behavior



Hadrosaurinae w/o hollowed crests/horns

Behavior!

I) Hadrosaur head gear

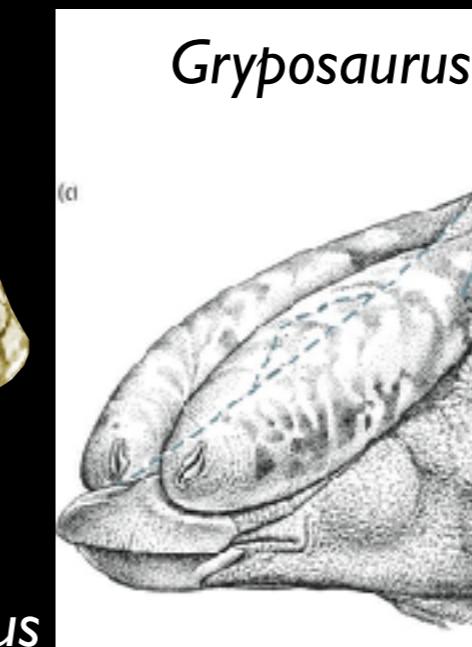
Vocal adaptations

Air sacs?

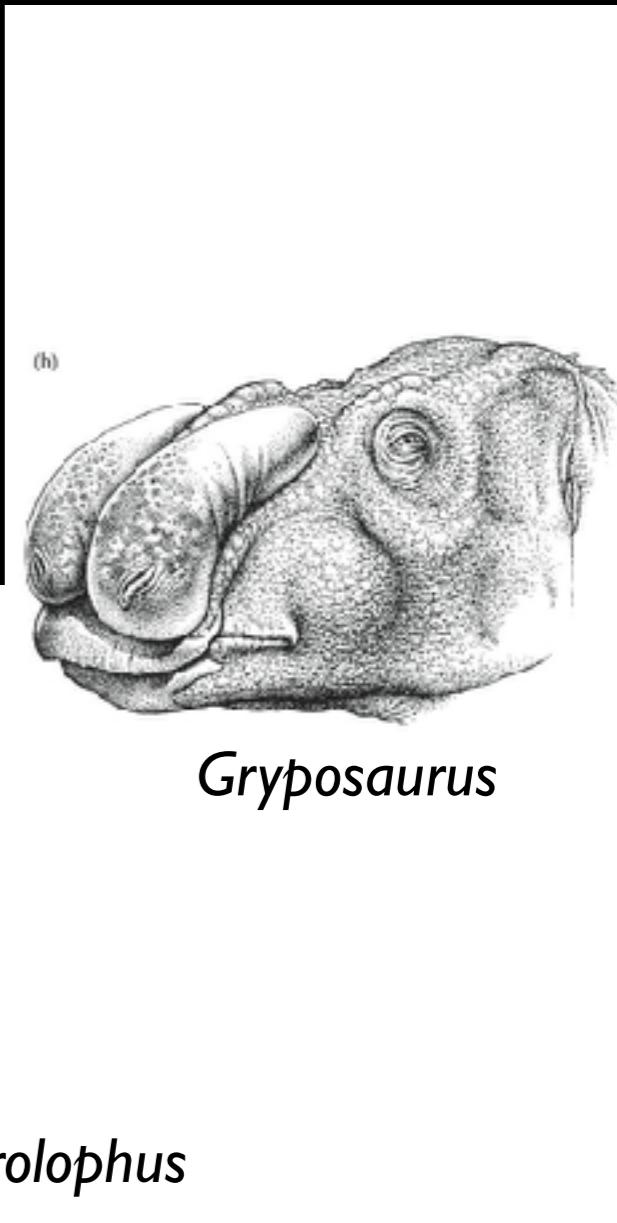
Visual adaptations



Saurolophus



Gryposaurus



Gryposaurus

Species specific (recognition)

Male-male competition (competition for mating)

Intimidation

Physical head-butting?

Attract females (competition for mating)

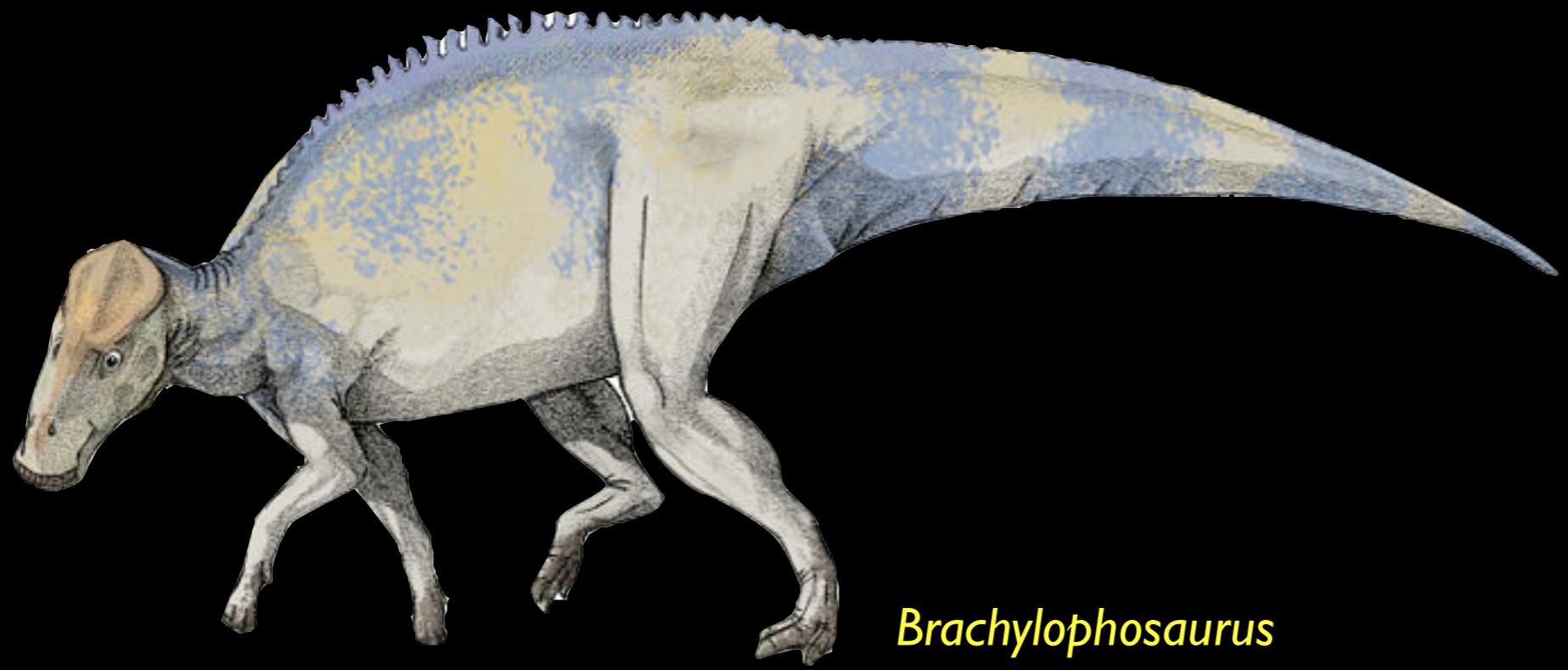


Altirhinus



Edmontosaurus





Brachylophosaurus



Altirhinus

Behavior!

I) Hadrosaur head gear

Proof?

Such sexual selective traits would suggest certain evidence would be present

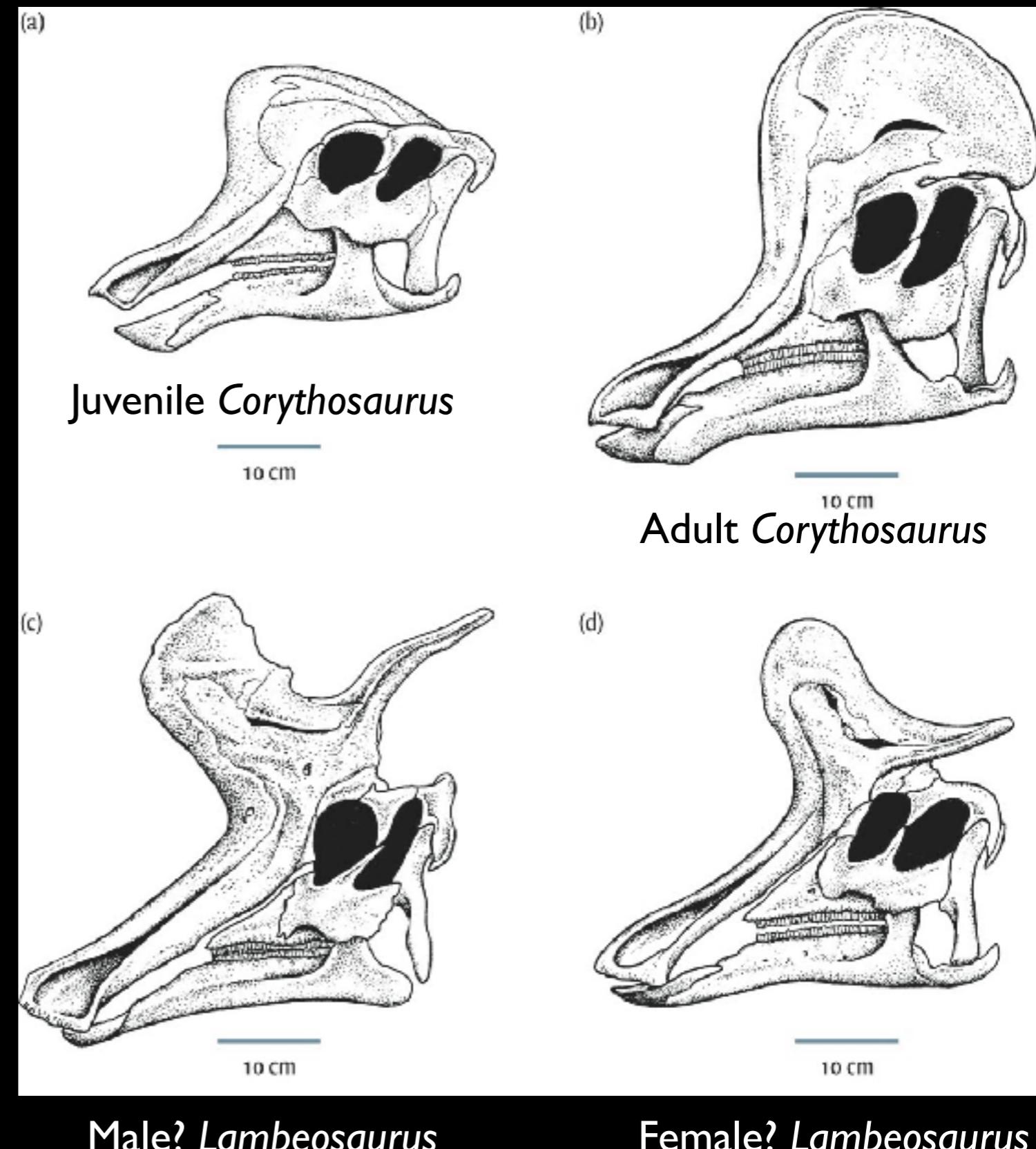
- a) Hadrosaurs should have good hearing / eyesight
- b) Outside structure of the 'horns', headgear, should be divorced from the internal workings (indicating the outside is being used as a visual stimulus)
- c) Crests should be species specific
- d) When multiple species co-occur, differences between species should be more exaggerated
- e) Differences between dimorphic crests should increase through time



Behavior!

I) Hadrosaur head gear

Growth and Sexual Dimorphism



Male? *Lambeosaurus*

Female? *Lambeosaurus*

Behavior!

2) Bonebeds

Bonebeds found for:

Dryosaurus

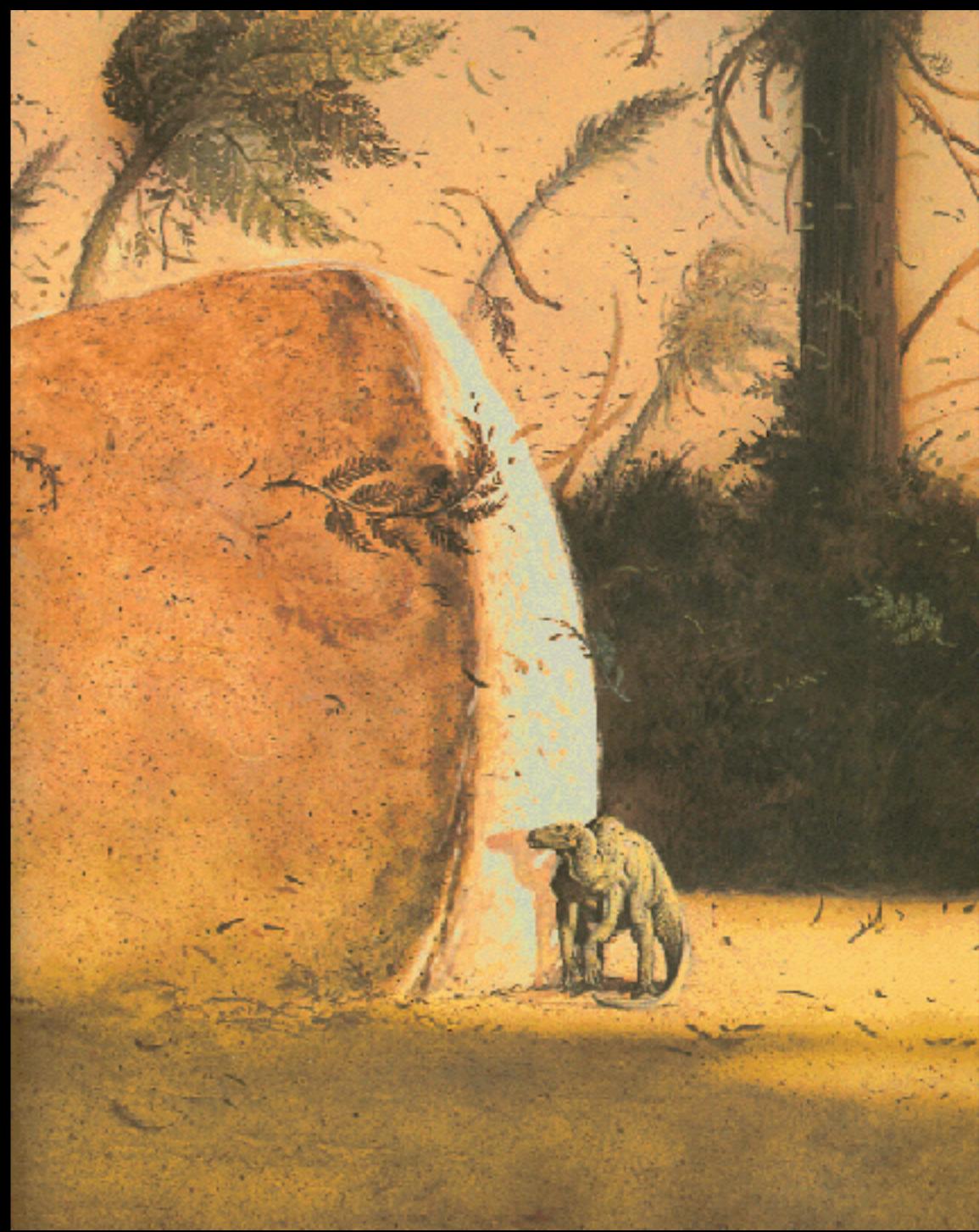
Iguanodon

Maiasaura

Hypacrosaurus



Herds?
Migratory behavior?



Behavior!

3) Reproductive Behavior



“R-selected”



“K-selected”



Behavior!

3) Reproductive Behavior



"R-selected"



Orodromeus



"K-selected"



Maiasaura

Hatchlings have well-developed limb bones

Fully formed joint surfaces

Parental care assumed to be minimal

But still groups

= **Precocial**

Nested in colonies

Usually 17 (30 max) eggs in each nest

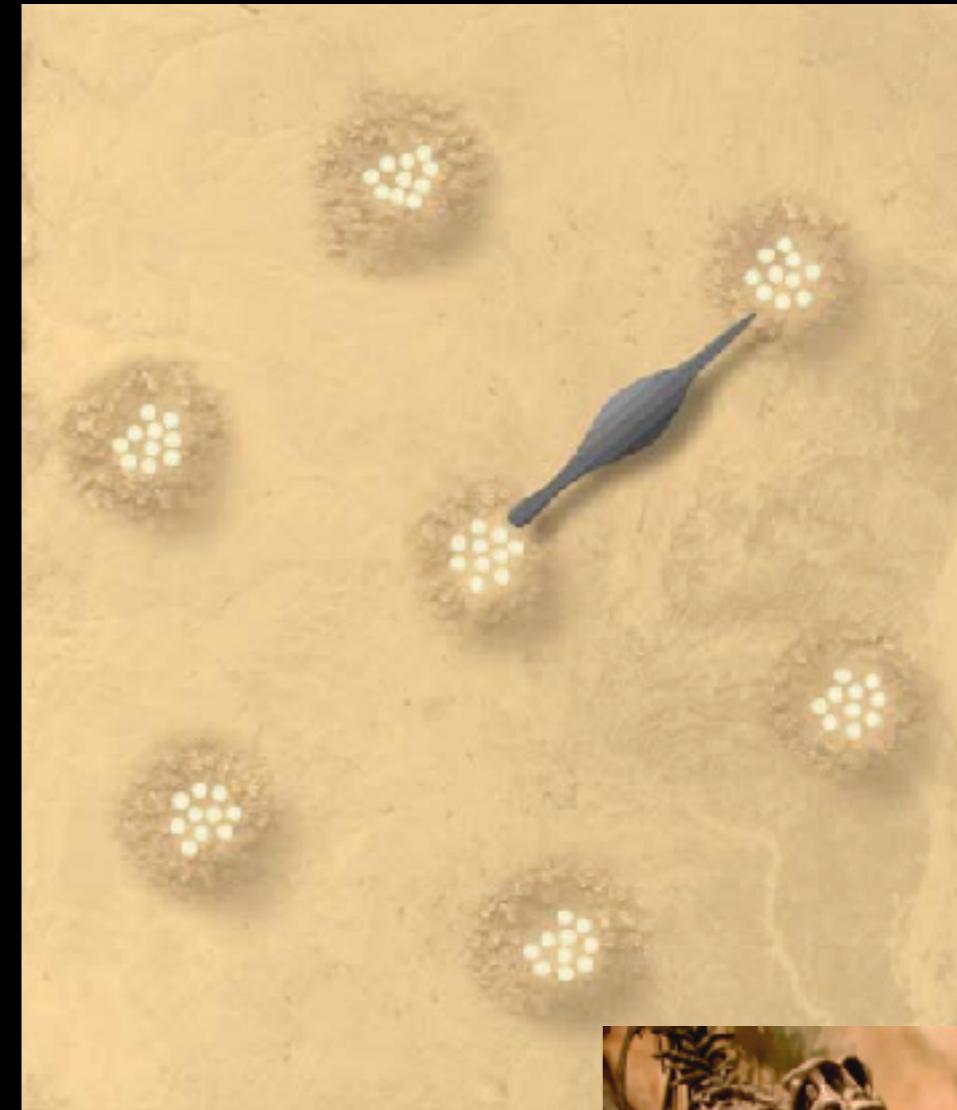
Hatchlings have poorly developed limbs; likely needed constant parental care for 8-9 months after birth

= **Altricial**

Maiasaura Nesting Sites

Maiasaura: 30 ft long

LARGE HERDS: up to 10,000 individuals!



Nests

Eggs packed tightly together, like modern seabirds

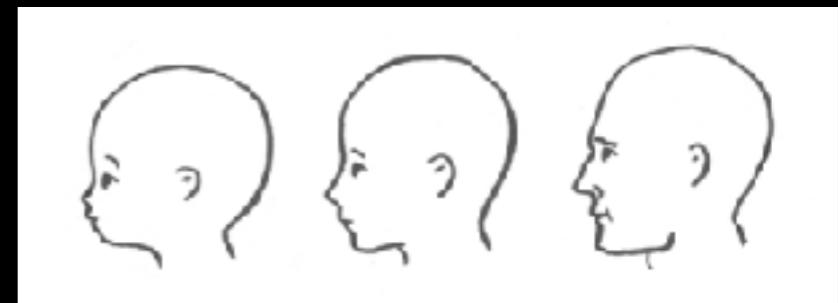
Ostrich egg size

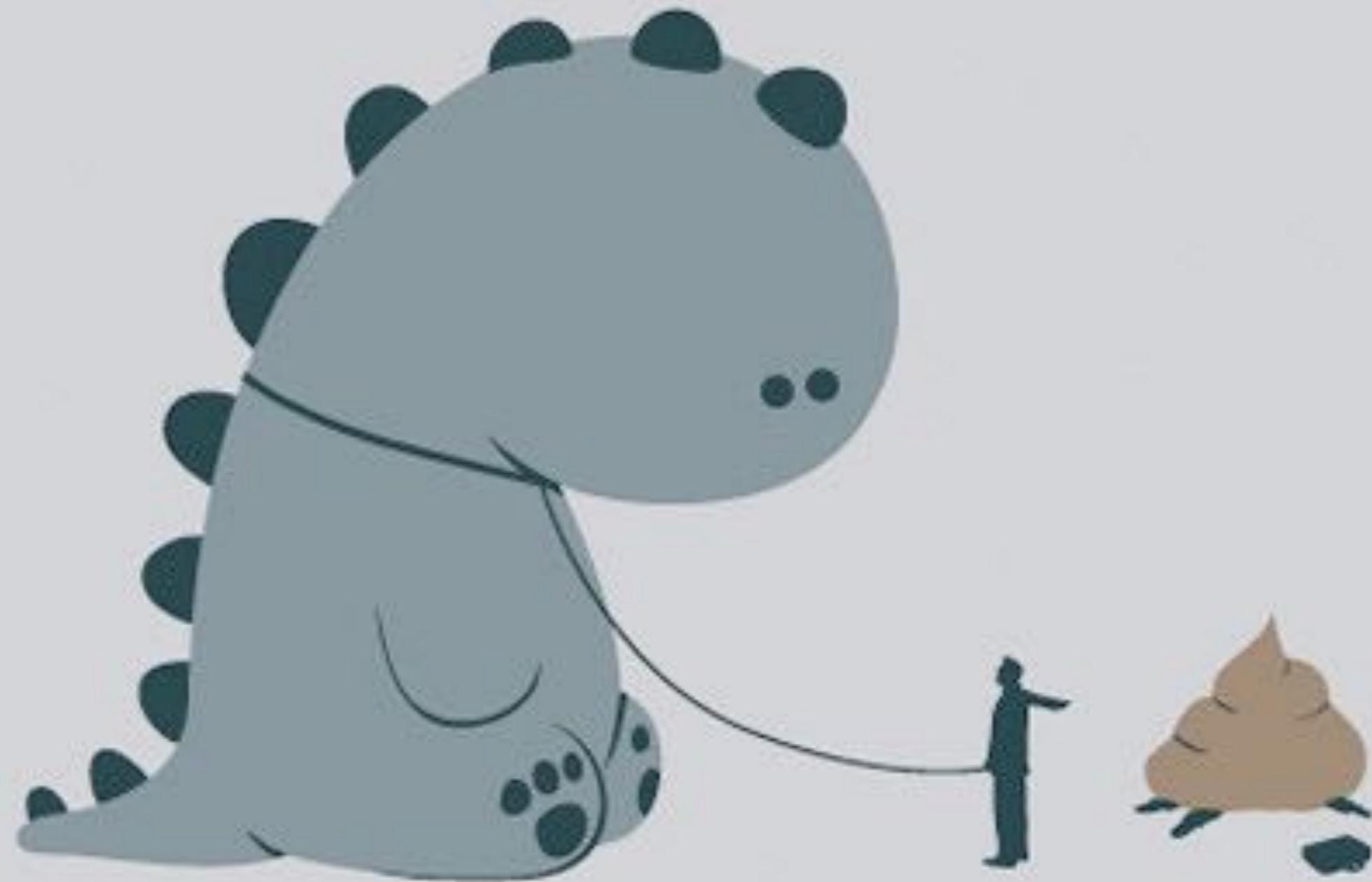
Rotten vegetation helped incubate the nests (no sitting)

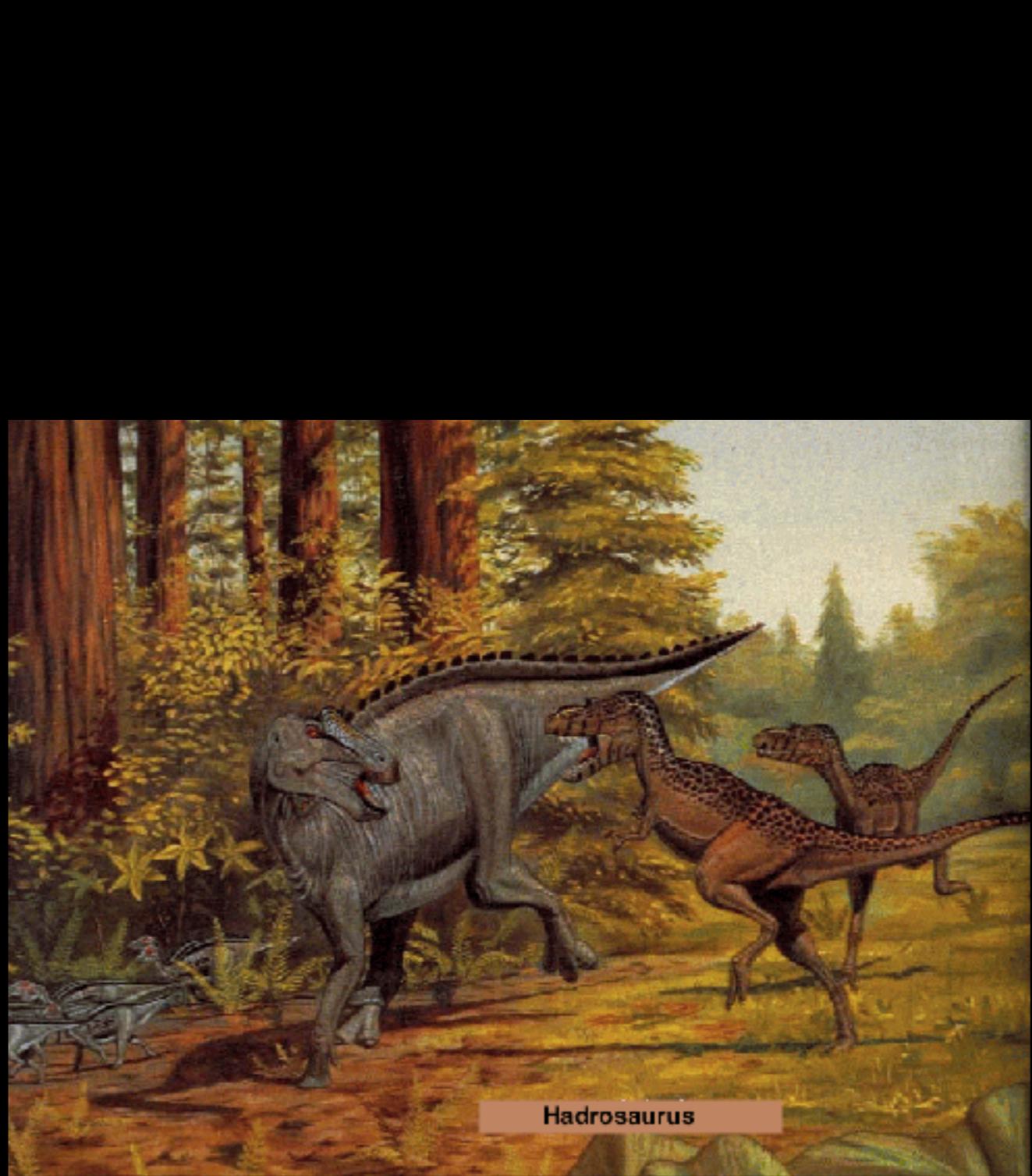
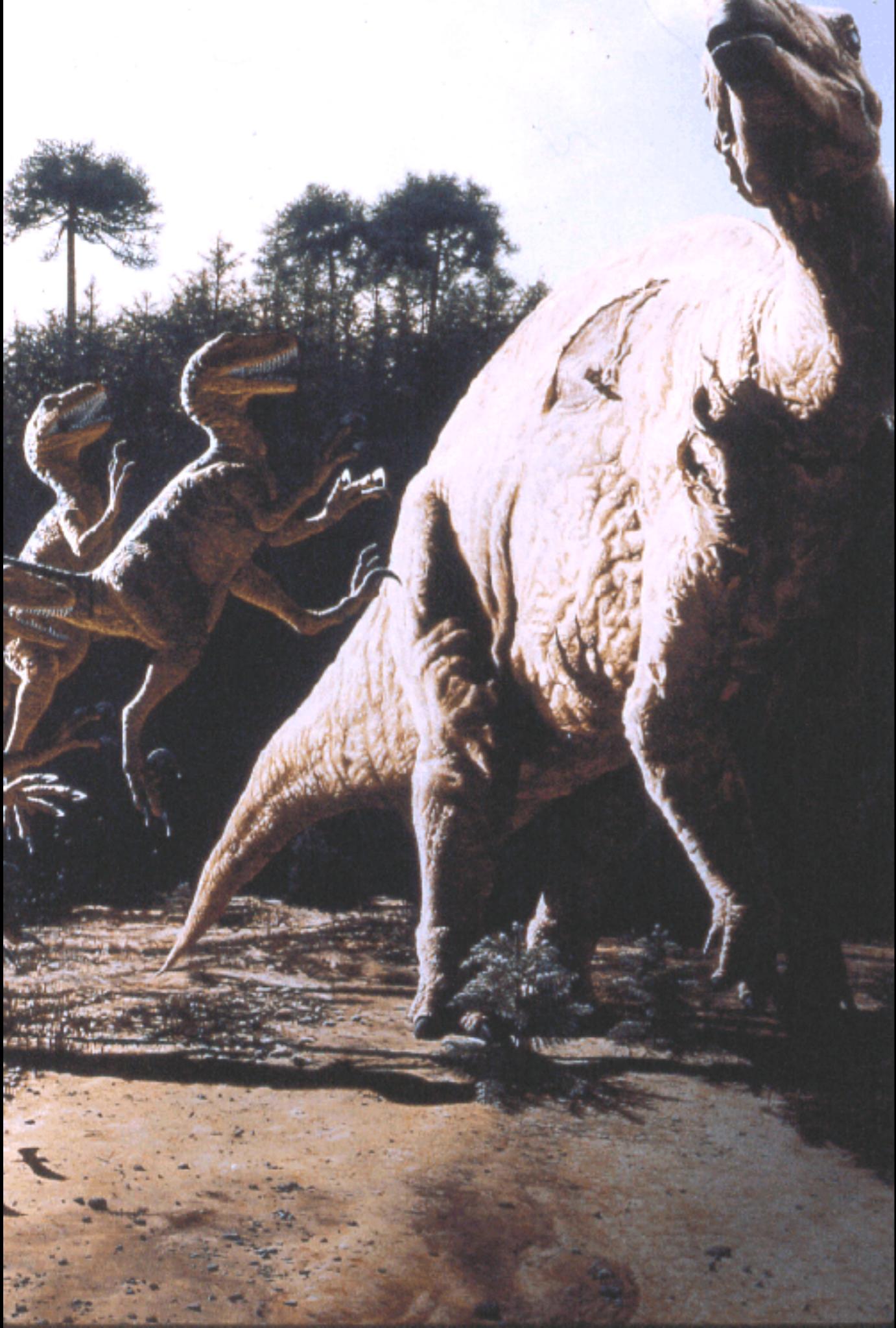
Hatchlings incapable of walking

Hatching rate of growth thought to be extremely high: warm-bloodedness?

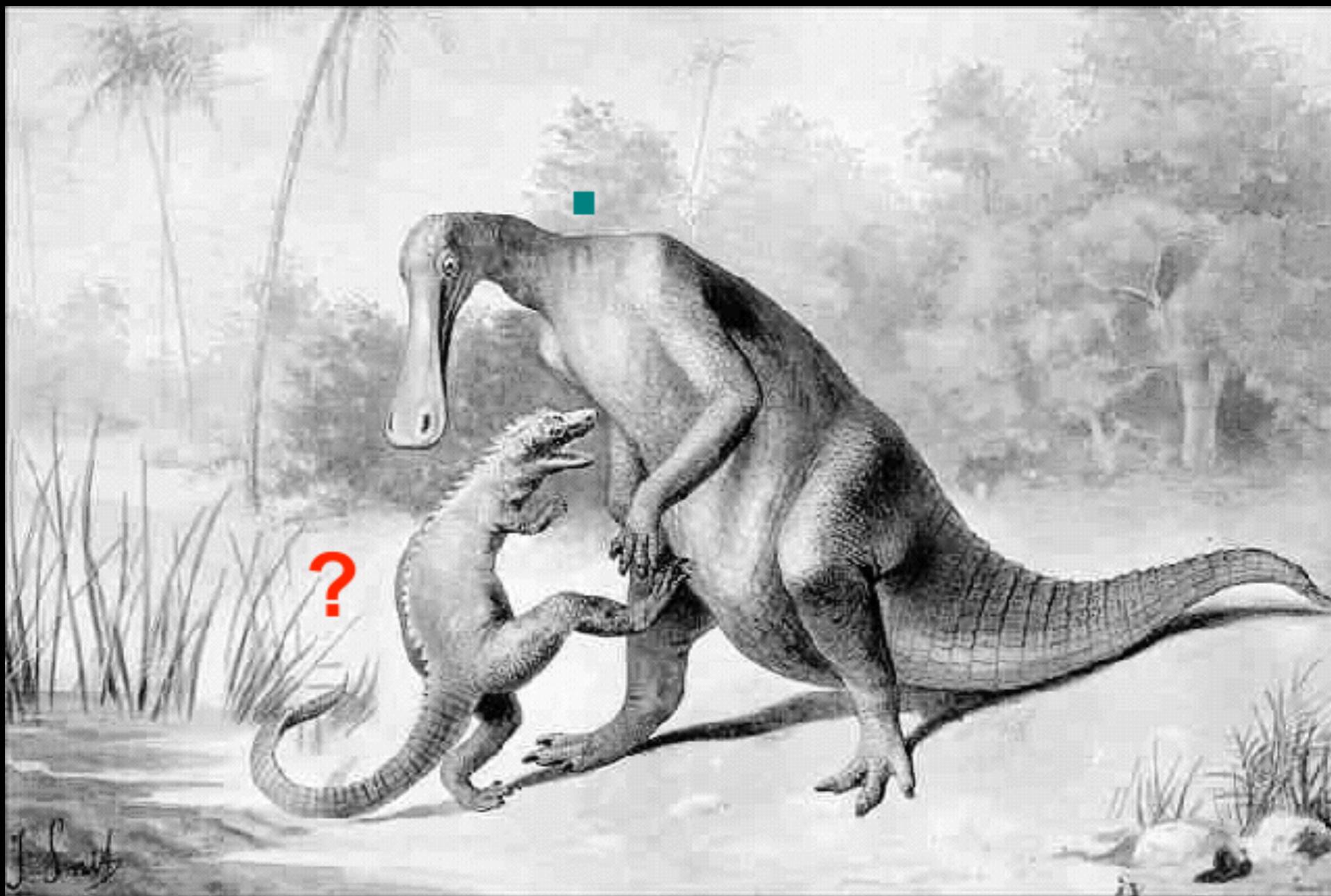
Hatchlings were ‘cute’: a common feature among altricial young







Hadrosaurus



Hadrosaurus

Walking with DINOSAURS: Spirits of the Ice Forest

The Ornithopod Players:

Laellynasaura

Hypsilophodont (basal euornithopod) Ornithopod
Enlarged eyes (adaptation for low light conditions?)



Muttaburrasaurus

Iguanodontine Ornithopod

Enlarged eyes (adaptation for low light conditions?)



Some things to look out for:

Assumed sociality of *Laellynasaura*

Here they've modeled them after Meerkats

Herding behavior in *Muttaburrasaurus*

Migration

Nasal air sacs

Group defense

Bipedality vs. Quadrupedality within *Muttaburrasaurus*

Middle digits of front foot => hoof-like pad

