

IGUANODON (Ig-you-ah-no-don)

This large plant-eater (around 10 metres long) lived over 120 million years ago and was one of the first dinosaurs ever discovered. Many skeletons have been found across Europe, Africa and Asia. He had well developed hands for holding food and a large spike on each thumb, which was probably used as a weapon. His extra long tongue would have been useful for pulling plants into his mouth which held several rows of teeth along each jaw. The Iguanodon had a very strong tail and moved about on its hind legs. The name means 'iguana tooth', even though it is no relation to the iguana.



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PARASAUROLOPHUS (Par-ah-saw-rol-owe-fus)

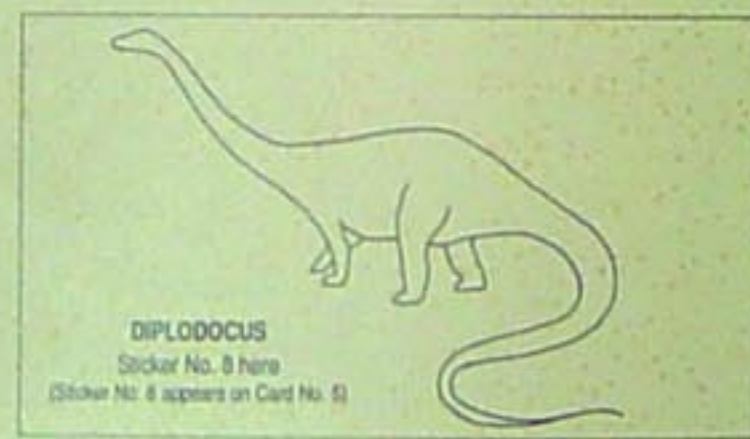
This was one of the largest duck-billed dinosaurs. On the top of his head he had a long bony crest that stuck out over a metre behind his skull. This crest was hollow and contained air tubes that ran from his nostrils to his lungs. It is not really known what these air tubes were used for but there are a few different theories. They may have been used to make bellowing sounds or may have even helped the animal to stay under water. Also these air passages would have given the Parasaurolophus a very good sense of smell.

LAMBEOSAURUS (Lam-be-owe-saw-rus)

This duck-billed dinosaur was nearly 15 metres long and had a large crest on top of its head with a sharp spike sticking out from the back of the crest. In fact some fossils have been found where the crests were actually bigger than the skull. There was a hollow space inside the crest which was connected to the dinosaur's nostrils.

DIPLODOCUS (Dip-lod-owe-cus)

This plant-eater was the longest dinosaur that ever existed, but most of its length was made up of its thin neck and tail. It measured about 27 metres in length, about the same size as 8 cars parked end to end. Although it was large, it had quite a thin body, and its brain was only about the size of a hen's egg. The name means 'double beam'.



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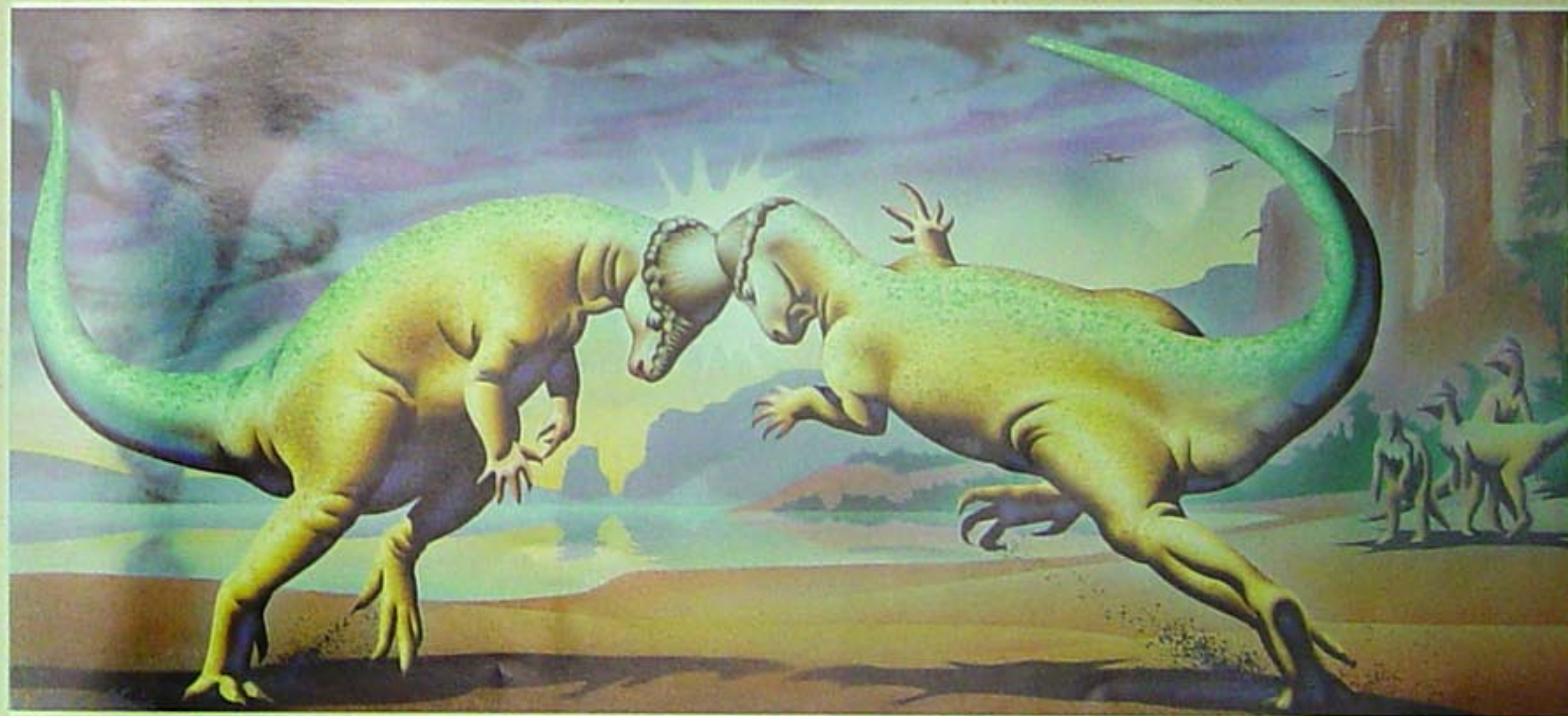
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MELANOROSAURUS (Mel-an-ore-row-saw-rus)

This was one of the first giant dinosaurs. It was about twice as large and more heavily built than its relative, Plateosaurus. If seven men lay down end to end, you would have an idea of the length of this giant plant-eater from nose to tail. Melanorosaurus means 'Black Mountain lizard' and lived in South Africa 200 million years ago.

PACHYCEPHALOSAURUS (Pack-ee-sef-al-owe-saw-rus)

The name of this dinosaur means 'thick head' and this is just what he had. The bone at the top of the skull was 25cm thick, which is about 20 times thicker than a human's skull. It is believed that they may have used this thick skull for head-butting purposes to determine the dominant member of a group. Two dinosaurs would run towards each other with their heads down and when they hit their thick skulls would have acted like crash helmets. This 8-metre-long plant-eater was one of the first 'head bangers'!



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