



What did the *Tyrannosaurus rex* look like?

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* is one of the most famous dinosaurs. It was famous for being very dangerous!

The *T. rex* had a huge mouth. It held 58 large, sharp teeth!

The *T. rex* had short arms. It had a thick tail. The tail helped it balance when it ran.

The *T. rex* walked on two strong legs. Even its feet were dangerous. Each foot had three toes with claws.

The *T. rex* grew to be about 40 feet (12 m) long. It was as long as a bus. It weighed 9 tons (8 tonnes). That is more than an elephant!



Where did the *Tyrannosaurus rex* live?

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* lived in North America. Its fossils have been found in Canada and the United States. In the U.S., its fossils come from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and Texas.

The *T. rex* lived in forests, swamps, and open plains.



When did the *Tyrannosaurus rex* live?

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* lived long before the time of people. It was alive 67 to 65 million years ago. The time is called the Late Cretaceous period.

The *T. rex* was one of the last dinosaurs to live on Earth.



What did the *Tyrannosaurus rex* eat?

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* was a meat eater. It hunted plant-eating dinosaurs. Its favorites were the *Triceratops* and the *Edmontosaurus*. The *T. rex* also ate dead animals that it found. This is called scavenging.

The *T. rex* was a fierce hunter. Its powerful bite crushed the bones of prey. The *T. rex* was not very fast. It hid in the plants, then jumped out to catch prey.



Fun facts about the *Tyrannosaurus rex*

Even *T. rex* babies were hunters! They learned to hunt by catching insects, frogs, and small animals living along rivers.

Scientists think the *T. rex* may have had feathers on its body.

A *T. rex* could eat 500 pounds (230 kilograms) of meat in one bite!

The *T. rex* had tiny, weak arms. Each had only two fingers. Scientists do not know if the *T. rex* used its arms for anything.

The first *T. rex* fossil was found in Montana in 1902. Today, more than 50 *T. rex* fossils have been found. In 1993, *T. rex* footprints were found in New Mexico.



The *T. rex* was built for biting! It had a strong jaw and neck. Its large mouth held many curved teeth.

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The *T. rex* was the top predator in its habitat.
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The most famous *T. rex* fossil is named Sue. It is kept in a museum in Chicago.
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