

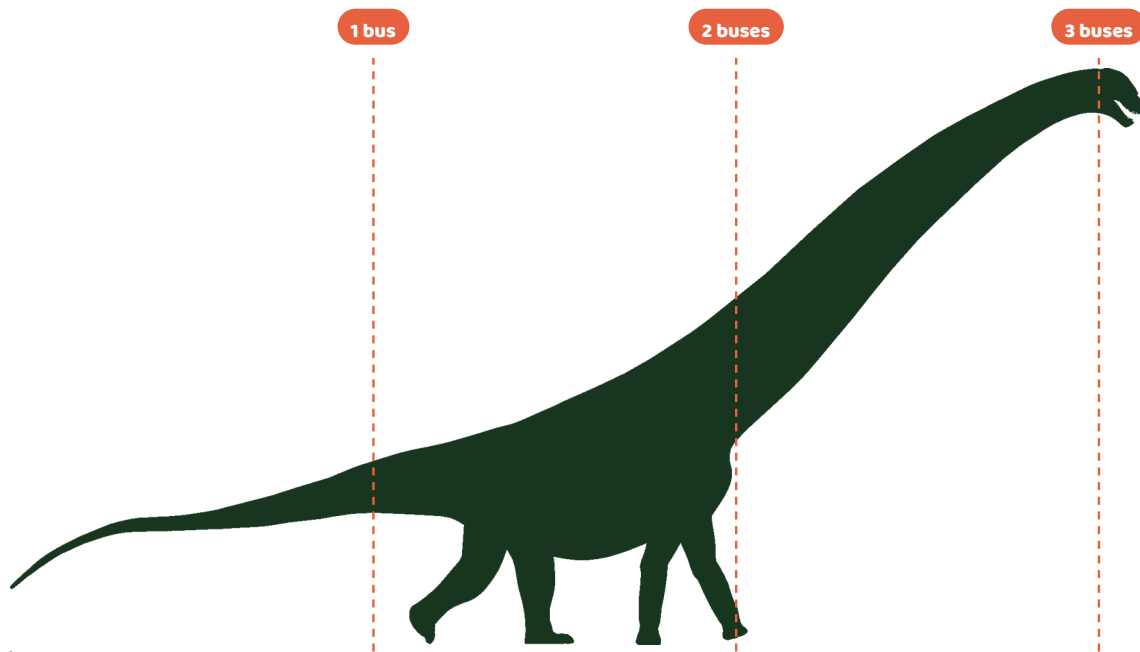
How big were the dinosaurs?

Drawn to scale, nose to tail. Each dashed line is one more big school bus, about 12 meters (40 feet) long.

Patagotitan

37.5 m (123 ft)

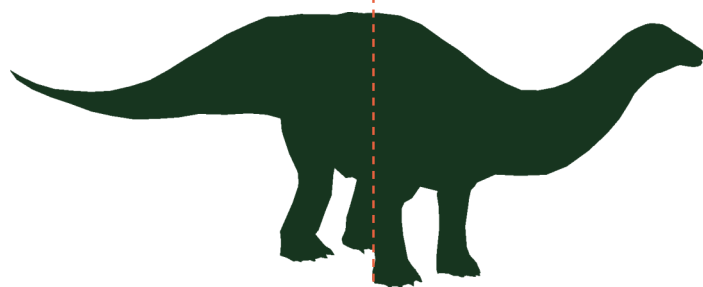
the biggest dinosaur known well



Apatosaurus

up to 23 m (75 ft)

two school buses



T. rex

about 12 m (39 ft)

one school bus



A school bus

about 12 m (40 ft)



Velociraptor

like a big turkey



You, lying down

about 1.2 m (4 ft)

if you're about 1.2 m tall



Try it outside: with a long tape measure, mark out 12 meters for T. rex, then keep going to 37.5 meters for Patagotitan!

Lengths from the Natural History Museum, London, and Katia's facts in Dinosaurs Are Back (Apatosaurus).

Patagotitan is drawn with a titanosaur outline (Dreadnoughtus) by Scott Hartman, CC BY 3.0, via PhyloPic. The other dinosaurs are from Dinosaurs Are Back.