

Types of dinosaurs: the seven kinds

Which kind is your favorite dinosaur?



Meat-eaters on two legs

Scientists call them **theropods** (THERE-oh-pods)

Spot one: Two strong back legs and sharp teeth.

Who: ☆ T. rex, ☆ Spinosaurus, ☆ Velociraptor, ☆ Dilophosaurus, ☆ Carnotaurus. Birds belong here too!



Long necks

Scientists call them **sauropods** (SORE-oh-pods)

Spot one: A very long neck, a long tail, four legs like tree trunks.

Who: ☆ Brachiosaurus, ☆ Apatosaurus, Diplodocus



Plated dinosaurs

Scientists call them **stegosaurs** (STEG-oh-sores)

Spot one: Plates or spikes along the back, spikes on the tail.

Who: ☆ Stegosaurus, Kentrosaurus



Armored dinosaurs

Scientists call them **ankylosaurs** (an-KYE-low-sores)

Spot one: Low and wide, covered in bony armor. Some had a tail club.

Who: ☆ Ankylosaurus, Euoplocephalus



Horned dinosaurs

Scientists call them **ceratopsians** (seh-rah-TOP-see-ans)

Spot one: Horns, a frill and a beak like a parrot's.

Who: ☆ Triceratops, Styracosaurus



Bone heads

Scientists call them **pachycephalosaurs** (pack-ee-KEF-ah-lo-sores)

Spot one: A thick, bony dome on the head. Two legs.

Who: Pachycephalosaurus



Duck bills and their cousins

Scientists call them **ornithopods** (OR-nith-oh-pods)

Spot one: A beak at the front, lots of chewing teeth behind it. Some had a crest.

Who: Iguanodon, Edmontosaurus, Corythosaurus

Not dinosaurs: the flying reptiles (pterosaurs) and the big sea reptiles. They lived at the same time, but they weren't dinosaurs.

☆ The star marks the ten dinosaurs of the picture book *Dinosaurs Are Back*.

The seven kinds follow the U.S. National Park Service's "Major groups of dinosaurs".

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