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# DYNAMITE DINO-STARS!



There's never been a more exciting time for dinosaur discoveries! We know more today about these awesome prehistoric creatures than ever before – and scientists are unearthing more fascinating facts about them all the time. In the last few years, palaeontologists

(fossil experts) have found out that some dinosaurs lived in holes, some climbed trees and some were smaller than a robin! They've even been able to tell what colour some dinos were. Get ready to take a trip back to prehistoric times as NG Kids meets seven of its favourite dinosaurs!

## Jaw-some warrior

**NAME** TYRANNOSAURUS REX  
**LIVED** 65 million years ago  
**SIZE** Up to 12m long  
**DISCOVERED** USA and Canada  
**SAY IT** Tih-ran-oh-sore-us rex

**DINO DATA**



The most famous dino of them all, the T-rex was armed with jaws which remain the most powerful weapon nature has ever created. Its thick, sharp teeth could rip almost 100kg of flesh off its victims in a single bone-crunching chomp!

It was also one of the smartest of the meat-eating dinosaurs with a brain twice as big as those of other giant carnivores. More than 20 almost-complete skeletons have been found, and the most perfect, nicknamed Sue, was unearthed in South Dakota, USA, 20 years ago. Experts together spent more than 25,000 hours restoring Sue's bones for exhibition. Roar-some!



**KING OF THE DINOS**

### DID YOU KNOW...?

Almost 80% of fossils have been discovered by accident. Could there be dinosaur remains buried in your garden?!

## Hasty hunters

**NAME** VELOCIRAPTOR  
**LIVED** 80 million years ago  
**SIZE** Up to 2m long  
**DISCOVERED** Mongolia  
**SAY IT** Veh-loss-i-rap-tor

**DINO DATA**



In 1924, the first velociraptor remains were discovered in Mongolia's Gobi Desert by the American Roy Chapman Andrews – the man believed to be the inspiration for the Indiana Jones character!

Although small, velociraptors were quite clever and could move fast – the name means 'speed thief' – perhaps using their long tails for balance as they ran after prey. These creatures hunted in packs, and probably ate mostly small lizards and mammals. They may have even eaten other velociraptors' babies. Yikes!



**SMALL BUT SCARY**

