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THE DINOSAURS



Brachiosaurus



Its full name is *Brachiosaurus altithorax*. This dinosaur lived during the upper Jurassic period about 154 million years ago in North America. Paleontologists do not agree on whether it's the same dinosaur species found in Africa and Europe.

The brachiosaurus was discovered in the western Colorado River valley, United States in 1900. However, this was not the first discovery of the Brachiosaurus. The first discovery occurred in 1883 when a brachiosaurus skull was found near Garden Park, Colorado. The ones who discovered it did not realize that it was a new species.

The brachiosaurus has a large body, extremely long neck, small skull, and short tail compared to its neck. It is estimated that the length of this dinosaur, from head to tail, was about 26 meters and is believed to weigh more than 40 tons. It differs from the other dinosaurs because its front legs are longer than the back.

Experts believe that it was an herbivore and fed on leaves of tall trees like giraffes do today. However, the brachiosaurus was much taller than the giraffes, it is believed that it could feed 13 meters high. The paleontologists don't agree about whether the brachiosaurus was hot blooded or cold blooded. If it was hot blooded, they have calculated that the brachiosaurus would have consumed between 200 and 400 kilograms of plant matter daily.

