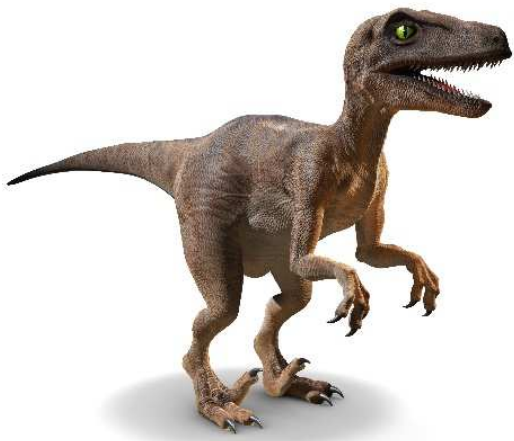


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# THE DINOSAURIOS

## Velociraptor



Its name means fast thief. This quick and intelligent thief lived towards the end of the Cretaceous period, about 75 million years ago in the territory of Mongolia and China, on the Asian continent.

In 1922, an expedition of the American Museum of Natural History unearthed the first Velociraptor fossil known in the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. It was a broken and crushed but complete skull, along with one of the two curved paws of the leg. Since then, many fossils from the Velociraptor have been found and several complete, well-preserved skeletons.

The Velociraptor was a biped carnivore, which means that it walked on its two long hind legs.; It had a long tail which balanced its weight well. It had three claws on each leg; one of them was elongated and curved, which it used to kill its prey, and about 28 teeth on each side of its dangerous jaw.

The striking thing about this carnivore is that, unlike what we see in the movies of the other dinosaurs it lived with, the Velociraptor did not have an intimidating size. An adult Velociraptor measured about 1.8 meters from the snout to the tip of its tail, was the height of a large dog, and only weighed about 15 kilos.

One of the most notable features of this dinosaur and probably the strangest is that it had feathers. However, Velociraptor could not fly.

