

2 evolutionary events

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Equally parsimonious!



DINOSAURS

Basal Dinosaurs





Dinosaur synapomorphies

- A) Crest on humerus
- B) Shelf on top surface of ilium
- C) Perforated acetabulum
- D) Tibia w/ expanded end
- E) Ascending astragular process on front surface of tibia



anterior view; (i, j) the sphenosuchid *Sphenosuchus*, skull in lateral and dorsal views. [Figures (a–d) atter Bonaparte, 1981; (e) modified from Murry and Long, 1995; (f–h), after Crush, 1984; (i, j) modified from Walker, 1990.]



Barrel-like articulation Constrained 'twisting' motion to the plane parallel with its body

Digitigrade vs. Plantigrade



Ornithischians!







15 cm

Heterodontosaurids: Not Primitive... unique chewing.

Three kinds of teeth Anterior: Snipping/Cropping Posterior: Chewing Tusks: Potentially display/courtship











Chevrotain

Other shared, derived traits

<u>At least 5 sacral vertebrae</u> <u>Ossified tendons above sacral region</u> Frontal process on illium

<u>Lesothosaurus</u>





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Parietal

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Edmontosaurus Ornithopod

How did Ornithischians chew? In very similar ways

Anterior: Cropping: carried out by keratin RAMPHOTHECA Diastem: Manipulation by tongue Cheek teeth: Grinding! Dental Batteries Coronoid Process ~ Different shape, different muscle attachments Inset molars for cheeks ~ keep food in mouth



Traveling force Small area, large force

Broadly distributed force Large area, less force



Basal Ornithischians



Pisanosaurus

Lesothosaurus



Genosauria Thyreophora Stegosauria



Basal Thyreophorans

bipedal to quadrupedal osteoderms





Bony Scutes (Osteoderms) Scelidosaurus 13 ft long Early Jurassic England

Bony Scutes

Shared, derived traits of Stegosauria

Kentrosaurus 15 ft long Late Jurassic, Tanzania



Loss of ossified tendons Rows of osteoderms over body Plates/Spines Hooved Feet Tall thoracic vertebae

















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Inset tooth row: implies cheeks ~ it's a Genosaur! Low coronoid process Teeth are small, simple, trianglar Spaces btw teeth... not an efficient grinder Teeth lack regular worn surfaces















Diet



The story gets stranger yet...

If they didn't chew, maybe they processed it all in their gut. Typically, you find gastrolithes with dinosaurs that process their food this way.... but no gastrolithes So what did they eat?

Diet

(a)

10 CM



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Narrow jaws => selective feeding Wide jaws => generalist feeding



'Black' Rhino

'White' Rhino

10 CM

Diet







Stegosaurus

Kanyesaurus westicus

Likely low-browsers Ferns, cycads, herbaceous gymnosperms This is just based on 'height'



Medial Plane



Median keel along the length of the palate probably supported a soft secondary palate; may have separated the dorsal nasal passages from the mouth- breathe while you chew!