

Atrociraptor



20 Cool Facts you never knew about The Atrociraptor!



- 1.** The Atrociraptor is a member of the dromaeosaurid family that lived in the late Cretaceous period around 70 million years ago.
- 2.** This means it is a theropod and had strong hind legs to walk and run on.
- 3.** It was first discovered in 1995 by Wayne Marshall, in Alberta, Canada. It was found in the Horseshoe Canyon formation.
- 4.** Very few fossils have been found to date. The main one is of a skull with long teeth.
- 5.** Atrociraptor is estimated to be a small dinosaur, maybe smaller than velociraptor and measuring around 2 meters (6.5 ft) long and weighing about 15 -20 kg (44 lbs).
- 6.** As a member of the raptor family it would have had a long, curved claw on each second toe to hunt.

- 8.** Its arms are likely to have been relatively long and slender, and ended in three-fingered hands.
- 7.** The Atrociraptor would have had keen eyesight and a great sense of smell and its brain was relatively large for its body size,
- 8.** It would be bipedal and had long, powerful legs that were ideal for running and jumping.
- 9.** Like other dromaeosaurids and raptors the Atrociraptor would have had feathers on its body.
- 10.** These dinosaurs are the closest members to archaeopteryx and modern-day birds.
- 11.** The Atrociraptor was first brought to the screen in Jurassic World - Dominion, where it was portrayed as a vicious, bloodthirsty predator
- 12.** The skull was short and tall, unusually so for a raptor. Making it look like a bulldog version of a raptor!

- 13.** It lived in what is now Canada and was found near the city of Alberta
- 14.** Atrociraptor means “savage thief” and it certainly looked savage.
- 15.** The name was given by Philip J. Currie and David Varricchio in 2004. 9 years after it was found.
- 16.** Like other members of the dinosaur family (dromaeosaurid) it would have laid eggs
- 17.** You pronounce Atrociraptor like this Ah - tross - ee – rap – tor.
- 18.** It has been said this may have been a stocky, well-built version of velociraptor.
- 19.** It was much smaller than the largest raptor found so far. The Utahraptor was three times bigger than Atrociraptor
- 20.** Their teeth also had differences from other raptors like larger serrations, and sticking out at an angle

