



20 Cool Facts you never knew about the Morus Intrepidus!



- 1. Morus intrepidus means 'harbinger of doom,'** It is from Latin / Greek. Moros means harbinger of Doom
- 2. Harbinger means sign of change,** which for this dinosaur is a great name!
- 3. It is thought that this was one of the first relatives of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.**
- 4. Over the next 20-30 million years** this small predator would turn into the fearsome T-Rex.
- 5. The first fossil of Morus intrepidus was found in Utah, USA, in 2013,** almost by accident! they were seen sticking out of a rock.
- 6. Like lots of other fossils found close to it, Morus intrepidus was a theropod,** which means it was a meat-eating dinosaur with two legs.

- 7. Although Morus intrepidus was small,** it was probably quite fast and agile its legs were not as thick as a T-Rex even for its size. Meaning it was likely a good runner.
- 8. Morus intrepidus had sharp teeth,** which it used to tear its food apart.
- 9. Morus Intrepidus was carnivorous and probably ate small animals and dinosaurs.**
- 10. Morus intrepidus was discovered by Utah State paleontologist Scott Madsen and his team.**
- 11. The first fossil of Morus intrepidus was found in the Stormy Theropod site located in Emery County Utah.**
- 12. It wasn't until 2019 that the Morus Intrepidus became a recognized species.**

- 13. With the Jurassic World Dominion movie being released in 2022 this means the Morus Intrepidus is the newest dinosaur ever to appear in a movie!**
- 14. The Cedar Mountain Formation where the Morus intrepidus fossils were found are around 95 million years old.**
- 15. Morus intrepidus is one of the oldest known tyrannosaurus relatives and lived during the Late Cretaceous period, around 96 million years ago.**
- 16. Although the fossils of Morus intrepidus don't show that it had feathers, it is very likely that it did have feathers.**
- 17. The Morus Intrepidus is classed as a running dinosaur, and it would have been not only been able to run fast, but for a long time as well.**

