

Stegosaurus

20 Facts you never knew about Stegosaurus!



1. The stegosaurus could be up to 21 ft long (9 meters) and up to 14 ft tall (4 meters)

2. It is commonly known to have a really REALLY tiny brain compared to its large size. Its brain was about the size of a table tennis ball.

3. Stegosaurus could weigh up to 5 tons, which is about 9000 lbs or 5000 Kg!

4. The Stegosaurus was a member of the thyreophoran, or armored dinosaur, group. Stegosaurus was the biggest of this family.

5. The Stegosaurus had 17-22 Bony plates, called scutes, on its back and these could be up to 2 ft tall.

6. The spikes on a stegosaurus tail, like the plates on its back, could be 2-3ft, (60-90cm) long

7. Scientists are not sure what the plates were for, but they could have been used for display, protection or to control their temperature

8. Stegosaurus fossils have been found mainly in the USA.

However, some have also been found in Portugal as well.

9. The Stegosaurus was an herbivore and it fed on plants with its small teeth and beak-like mouth.

10. The stegosaurus was a [Late Jurassic](#) Dinosaur living around 155-145 million years ago

11. Stegosaurus was first discovered in 1877 by Othniel Charles Marsh

12. The stegosaurus name means "roof lizard" Stegos means roof and saurus means lizard in Greek

13. It is believed that the Stegosaurus could reach speeds of about 5 miles an hour(7(kph)

15. Stegosaurus legs were very different, although it moved on four legs its fore legs were much shorter than its back legs.

16. The Stegosaurus only had one brain. it was thought for a lot of years that stegosaurus might have two brains

17. Stegosaurus was alive at the same time as Allosaurus and Ceratosaurus which were large predatory dinosaurs.

18. The stegosaurus was made the state dinosaur of Colorado, which is suitable as it was where it was first discovered!

19. Both Stegosaurus and Ankylosaurs are thought to have evolved from older armored dinosaurs like Scelidosaurus.

20. it is likely that stegosaurs did lay [eggs](#), However unfortunately no eggs, yet, have been found that are from a stegosaurus

