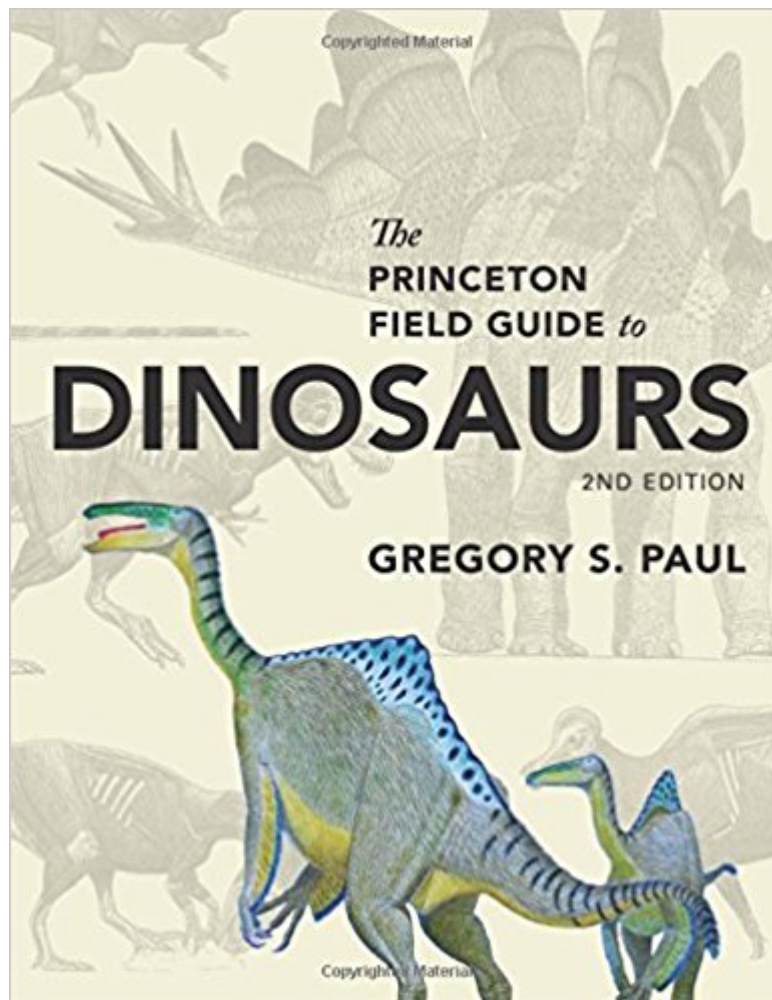




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# The Princeton Field Guide To Dinosaurs: Second Edition (Princeton Field Guides)



## Synopsis

The best-selling Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs remains the must-have book for anyone who loves dinosaurs, from amateur enthusiasts to professional paleontologists. Now extensively revised and expanded, this dazzlingly illustrated large-format edition features some 100 new dinosaur species and 200 new and updated illustrations, bringing readers up to the minute on the latest discoveries and research that are radically transforming what we know about dinosaurs and their world. Written and illustrated by acclaimed dinosaur expert Gregory Paul, this stunningly beautiful book includes detailed species accounts of all the major dinosaur groups as well as nearly 700 color and black-and-white images—skeletal drawings, "life" studies, scenic views, and other illustrations that depict the full range of dinosaurs, from small feathered creatures to whale-sized supersauropods. Paul's extensively revised introduction delves into dinosaur history and biology, the extinction of nonavian dinosaurs, the origin of birds, and the history of dinosaur paleontology, as well as giving a taste of what it might be like to travel back in time to the era when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Now extensively revised and expanded. Covers nearly 750 dinosaur species, including scores of newly discovered ones. Provides startling new perspectives on the famed Brontosaurus and Tyrannosaurus. Features nearly 700 color and black-and-white drawings and figures, including life studies, scenic views, and skull and muscle drawings. Includes color paleo-distribution maps and a color time line. Describes anatomy, physiology, locomotion, reproduction, and growth of dinosaurs, as well as the origin of birds and the extinction of nonavian dinosaurs.

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presented in phylogenic order and meticulously and beautifully illustrated following the current state of our knowledge of posture and shape."--Wayne Mones, AudubonMagazine.org

blog"World-renowned dinosaur illustrator and researcher Gregory Paul provides comprehensive visual and textual coverage of the dinosaurs in this lavishly illustrated field guide. Incorporating the latest discoveries and research that are radically transforming what we know about dinosaurs, this book is distinguished both by its scientific accuracy and the quality and quantity of its illustrations. . .

. The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs is a must-have for anyone who loves dinosaurs, from the amateur enthusiast to the professional paleontologist."--Prehistoric Times"

Lavishly filled with fossil forms and drawn interpretations of their outward appearance, the guide covers the entire spectrum of dinosaur species. The color images of some of the rock stars of the Age of Dinosaurs, from T-Rex to Triceratops, will enthrall any youngster with a yen for these ancient beasts. . . . Paul has

revitalized and re-invented the depiction of dinosaurs in recent decades, and the book brings the breadth of their lost world to today's readers."--Dan Vergano, USA Today"

This latest book by Paul, a leading dinosaur researcher and illustrator, is an excellent accompaniment to your standard dinosaur encyclopedias. Its strength lies in the inclusion of over 735 species, along with information on how complete the fossil skeletons representing them are, anatomical characteristics, distribution of fossil finds, the animal's probable habitat, and what scientists believe about its behavior. . . .

[B]eautifully illustrated."--Library Journal"

A fantastic new book on dinosaurs. . . . Paul is an accomplished illustrator and expert in all things dinosaurian. The first 60 pages of the book provide an introduction to dinosaur biology, morphology and techniques for studying these fossils. The information on how the limbs of dinosaurs articulated is particularly intriguing. . . . His fine illustrations provide nice accents to the text. The meat of the book is the coverage of individual dinosaur species."--Herb Wilson, Portland Press Herald"

This book . . . shows off Paul at his artistic and conceptual finest, as it is replete with all the latest knowledge of dinosaurian knowledge. . . .

[I]t's an excellent book, one of the best ever, and one which I wish was around in my youth, when all I had were dense textbooks."--Dan Schneider, Blogcritics.org"

There's no doubt that Paul has done a tremendous job with The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs and it's quite impressive. If you're serious about dinosaurs and want a meticulously researched guide, this is certainly the book for you."--Jonathan Liu, Wired.com's GeekDad blog"

Paul, an eminent authority on dinosaur anatomy and a leading dinosaur illustrator, presents detailed information on all dinosaur groups. . . . The author, well known for his detailed skeletal diagrams and ability to interpret dinosaur biomechanics, displays his formidable skills throughout this book. . . . Serious dinosaur scholars will devour this book; it is a major contribution to the field."--Choice"

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interpretation of dinosaur anatomy has found for years a permanent home on both the popular and scientific page. Paul's latest publication, *The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs*, is the collection of these skeletal reconstructions that the dinosaur-loving community has been waiting for. If nothing else, it is this collection that makes the book worthy of ownership."--Richard A. Kissel, American Paleontologist

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"This engaging volume is informed by the latest research, much of it from China. In a fully revised introduction, Paul explores his subject from head to tail, while the passage 'If Dinosaurs Had Survived' is sure to leave readers misty-eyed."--*New Scientist*

"The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs is an enjoyable read, and is valuable for beginning dinosaur enthusiasts and undergraduate students, especially because of the extensive introduction for the topic. It can also be a handy reference work for paleontologists."--Femke Holwerda, *Journal of Paleontological Techniques*

"[This second edition] reflects the dramatic increase in our knowledge of the Dinosauria that has taken place over the last five years or so. . . . [Paul's] latest book, *The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs*, has clearly been a labour of love for this leading dinosaur illustrator and researcher. It is crammed full of fascinating information, beautiful drawings and the author's trademark skeletal reconstructions. [It is] a must-have for avid dinosaur fans as well as appealing to the general reader with an interest in how some of the most spectacular lifeforms to have ever existed on our planet evolved and flourished."--*Everything Dinosaur Blog*

"I have been looking forward to this book for years. Gregory Paul has set the standard for how prehistoric animals are reconstructed in scientific illustrations. As with all his work, the illustrations in this book are made with a near-fanatical quest for accuracy. This will be a popular and much-used

reference for a wide audience of dinosaur enthusiasts."--James I. Kirkland, state paleontologist,  
Utah Geological Survey

This is a must have for dinosaur lovers. I now have the first and second edition. The second edition is really up to date having over a hundred new species of dinosaurs. It is very well illustrated with drawings in color and black and white on every page. I love Princeton Field Guides, because they are so very thorough and this one is no different. If there is a particular species of dinosaur you want to get information on you'll find it in this book. You're going to love it.

It covers the latest dinosaur information/ profiles I have been hoping for including Anzu, Nasutoceratops, Concavenator, Yutyrannus, the new Deinocheirus and even Brontosaurus as a separate species from Apatosaurus. I enjoy reading this book.

The 2nd edition of The Princeton Field Guide to Dinosaurs was one I looked forward to reading ever since it was announced. I was not disappointed by it. Within are over 100 new dinosaurs, some of which even I, a dinosaur enthusiast and expert (despite lack of formal training), had never heard of. The illustrations within are superb; the old images from the previous version have been enhanced and restored (sometimes showing a greater extent than in the previous edition) and are now accompanied by new paintings even more stunning. There are some theories put forth by the author I don't agree with, but with dinosaurs, things constantly change. No theory is truly set in stone. My only hope is that there will be a third edition to further supplement what is known and any new discoveries in the future. For anyone into dinosaurs, this is a perfect guide into telling a T. rex from a Titanosaur to a Carnotaurus from a Chasmosaurus; each animal for which there is good material is shown with a skeleton and a lifelike illustration that shows just what it might have looked like, with accurate information regarding when, where, and with what it lived, making it well worth its price. In all, I give it a solid 9.9 out of 10. If you want to complete your dinosaur book collection with a serious and beautiful tome, then this is the book for you. A perfect addition for any personal library.

Bought this for my 19 year-old serious dinosaur expert nephew for his birthday. I had bought him the First Edition a few years back and he requested the Second when I asked him what was on his birthday wish list this time around. He believes these Field Guides to be the most accurate, up-to-date information and illustrations in print.

WOW. WHAT A DINO BOOK. HOURS AND DAYS OF INFORMATION AND PHOTOS. VERY PROFESSIONAL. NEED A DICTIONARY TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE TERMS. VERY SCHOLARLY ITEM. WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.

Absolutely riveting review for the novice and enthusiast alike. Probably on every paleontologists shelf I would imagine.

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I gave this as a gift but was able to look at it afterward. It appears to be very complete and thorough account of the known major groups and larger species. Should be excellent for a general reference and reading on the various groups.

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