Bambiraptor
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**Scientific Name:** *Bambiraptor feinbergi*

**Name Origin:** “Bambi robber” The skeleton was nicknamed Bambi after the Disney cartoon character by the Linster family and raptor meaning “robber” or “seizer”

**Discoverer:** Discovered in 1993 by a 14-year-old named Wes Linster

**Type of Dinosaur:** Theropod

**Geological Period:** Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)

**Age:** 70-66 million years ago

**Height:** 12 inches (0.3 meter) hip height

**Length:** 30 inches (1 meter)

**Mass:** 4.5 pounds (2 kilograms)

**Diet:** Carnivore, small mammals and reptiles

**Location:** USA - Montana

**Notable Features:** About 90% of the Bambiraptor’s skeleton was recovered and beautifully preserved, which is extremely unusual! This makes Bambiraptor one of the most complete dinosaurs found in the US. Bambiraptor is a very important dinosaur because it has many features that are similar to birds today! In fact, Bambiraptor’s brain would have been nearly as large as a bird’s brain! This means, relative to body size, Bambiraptor had one of the largest dinosaur brains.

**Further Investigation:** Research more information about Bambiraptor and create a list of the ways they were similar and different to modern day birds.