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**Scientific Name:** *L. amicographica*

**Name Origin:** Named after Thomas H. Rich and Patricia Vickers-Rich's daughter Leaellyn

**Discoverer:** 1987 by a team led by Thomas H. Rich and Patricia Vickers-Rich

**Type of Dinosaur:** Ornithopod

**Geological Period:** Early Cretaceous (Aptian)

**Age:** ~100–110 million years ago

**Height:** ~60–90 centimeters (23.6–35.4 inches) adult hip height, 30 centimeters (11.8 inches) juvenile hip height

**Length:** 2–3 meters (6.56–9.84 feet) adult, 1 meter (3.28 feet) juvenile

**Mass:** 3–10 kilograms (6.6–22 pounds)

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Location:** Australia

**Fun Facts:** Dinosaurs are very rare in Australia; just over 20 dinosaur species have been described. When *Leaellynasaura* lived, Australia was farther south than it is today.

**Further Investigation:** *Leaellynasaura* has really large eyes for an animal of its size. Why do you think *Leaellynasaura* eyes may have been so big?



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