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Scientific Name: *O. philoceratops*

Name Origin: "ovi" meaning egg and "raptor" meaning seizer or thief

Discoverer: 1923 by an expedition led by Roy Champman Andrews

Type of Dinosaur: Theropod

Geological Period: Late Cretaceous (Coniacian-Maastrichtian)

Age: ~85.5–70.6 million years ago

Height: ~.61 feet (~2 feet)

Length: 1.5 meters (~5 feet)

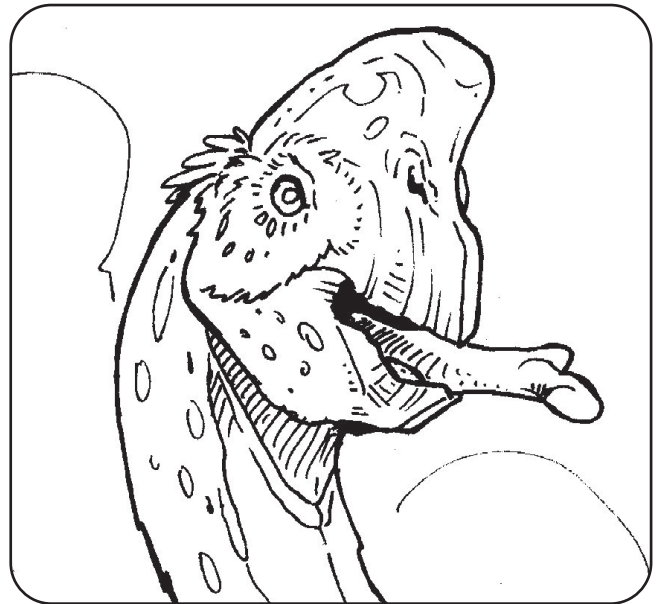
Mass: ~80 pounds (.004 tonnes)

Diet: Carnivore

Location: Mongolia

Fun Facts: *Oviraptor* means "egg thief", because it was found with a nest of eggs. It was named "egg thief" because paleontologists thought the eggs found with the first skeleton were being stolen for food. After more research, scientists discovered that oviraptor was protecting its eggs from predators.

Further Investigation: Paleontologists make new discoveries of dinosaurs as more fossils are found or new technologies allow them to study fossils in new ways. Investigate recent discoveries about dinosaurs – did anything surprise you?



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