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Scientific Name: *Q. intrepidus*

Name Origin: "Qantas" after QANTAS Airlines and "saurus" meaning lizard

Discoverer: Nichole Evered

Type of Dinosaur: Ornithopod

Geological Period: Early Cretaceous (Aptian)

Age: ~125 million years ago

Height: 50 centimeters (~20 inches)

Length: 1.8 meters (~6 feet)

Mass: 14 kilograms (~30 pounds)

Diet: Herbivore

Location: Australia

Fun Facts: Determined to be about the size of a small kangaroo, *Qantassaurus* was found on the coast of Australia—where kangaroos live today. *Qantassaurus* is named after Australia's most popular airline, QANTAS Airlines, a dedicated supporter of many dinosaur expeditions.

Further Investigation: All that was ever found of *Qantassaurus* so far is part of a lower jaw. Several other dinosaur bones were found in the same rocks as *Qantassaurus* in an area where, millions of years ago, an ancient river flowed. Most of the dinosaurs found there are only known from a single bone. Why do you think that is?



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