



## Utahraptor YOU-tah-rap-tor

Scientific Name: U. ostronmaysi

**Name Origin:** "Utah" after the state it was discovered, "raptor" being thief or seizure

**Discoverer:** First discovered in 1975 by Jim Jensen, but after more material was found in 1991 it was given its name.

Type of Dinosaur: Theropod

**Geological Period:** Early Cretaceous

(Berriasian-Valanginian)

Age: 7~139-135 Million years ago

**Height:** ~1.524 meters (~5 feet)

**Length:** 4.572-6 meters (15-20 feet)

Mass: 272 kilograms (600 pounds)

**Diet:** Carnivore

Location: USA: Utah

**Fun Facts:** The *Utahraptor* had a large retractable toe claw that would have been used to hold struggling prey. The large toe claw would have been retractable, like a cat's, so it wouldn't hit the ground when it

was walking.

**Further Investigation:** The *Utahraptor* was named "Utah", from the state where it was discovered, and "raptor" meaning seizer or thief. Research other raptor dinosaurs to find their similarities and differences.









