

Non-fiction Group 6

Dinosaurs

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Dinosaurs lived 65 million years until they went extinct when a giant rock crashed into the earth. For today, we are going to talk about stegosaurus which is a type of dinosaur. Stegosaurus swings its heavy tail when one of its enemies is there to steal their eggs.

The paleontologist who first discovered a Stegosaurus fossil on the mud realized that the fossils came from its back like a turtle's shell. Scientists thought that they used to attract mates, similar to Triceratops. Others think the plates protected Stegosaurus from attacking predators or absorbed heat from the sun to help warm the animal.

One early paleontologist believed that *Stegosaurus* had a second brain in its tail because the expert noticed a cavity like those where the brain would be in its rump.

Stegosaurus lived about 145 million years ago during the Jurassic period

It was the same size of a double decker bus and weighed almost 12,000 pounds. But this enormous animal had a brain that was only slightly even larger than a coconut.