



Spinosaurus

Means "Spine lizard"

Scientific name: *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*

Period:

Early – Late Cretaceous

(~112 – 97 Ma -

{Mega annum, or million years ago})

Diet:

Carnivore (meat eater)

Current day location found:

North Africa

More information:

- Its vertebrae (back bones) had long spikes
- The spikes may have been covered in skin, making a sail or possibly supporting a massive hump
- Its skull was similar to that of a modern crocodile
- Known to have had a diet including fish
- Appears to have preyed upon land and aquatic animals
- A giant theropod dinosaur
- One of the largest carnivorous dinosaurs known
- Possibly even larger than Tyrannosaurus Rex
- Length and weight based on fossil evidence
- Length up to 15 m (49 ft)
- Weight up to 20 tonnes (about the same as 4 elephants)