



Maiasaura

Means "caring mother lizard"

Scientific name: Maiasaura peeblesorum

Period:

Late Cretaceous (~ 76.7 Ma -
{Mega annum, or million years ago})

Diet:

Herbivore (plant eater)

Current day location found:

Montana, North America

More information:

- A large herbivorous duck billed dinosaur
- Belonged to a group of dinosaurs called hadrosaurs
- Lived in herds
- Raised young in densely packed nesting colonies, like modern seabirds
- Each nest was made of earth and contained 30 – 40 eggs the same size as an ostrich egg
- Eggs were warmed by rotting vegetation placed in the mound
- Had flat beaks and thick noses like most hadrosaurs
- Had a small spiky crest in front of its eyes
- Herds were extremely large and may have had as many as 10000 members
- Herding behaviour would have helped against predators
- Estimated length up to 9 m (30 ft)
- Estimated weight about 3 tonnes (about the same as 4 ½ dairy cows)

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