



# Pteranodon

Means ""wing toothless""

Scientific name: *Pteranodon longiceps*

## Period:

Late Cretaceous (~ 86 – 84.5 Ma -  
{Mega annum, or million years ago})

## Diet:

Piscivore (fish eater)

## Current day location found:

North America

## More information:

- North American Pterosaurs were different from their European counterparts (they lacked teeth), hence their name
- Not a dinosaur but a pterosaur (a group of flying reptiles)
- Lived during the age of dinosaurs
- Had hollow bones to reduce weight for soaring
- Pterosaurs had crests on their heads
- Specimens found suggest that adult males were much larger than females
- Frequented a massive inland channel of water called the Western Interior Seaway
- The seaway filled the interior of what is now North America and separated it into three large islands
- Fed largely on fish (fossilised remains were found in the stomach of a find)
- Soared over the water on wing span of up to 9m (30 ft)
- Estimated weight is subject to much debate 25 to 90 kg (45 to 200 lbs)

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