



Gallimimus

Means "chicken mimic"

Scientific name: *Gallimimus bullatus*

Period:

Late Cretaceous (~ 70 Ma)

Diet:

Omnivore or Herbivore (debated)

Current day location found:

Mongolia, Asia

More information:

Gallimimus ("rooster mimic" or "chicken mimic") was a large ostrich-like dinosaur that has been found with specimens as large as 8m (26') long. It was one of the largest species of a group of theropods called ornithomimosaurs ("bird-mimic lizards"). It had a small head, toothless beak, large eyes and a long neck. It had long hindlegs and a long tail, with short arms. Many of its features suggest it was a very good runner.

The diet of Gallimimus, and other ornithomimids, are a matter that has caused controversy. Originally it was believed they used their arms to search through the undergrowth and catch small animals. More recently it is suggested that it was either a full herbivore, or an omnivore (eating both animals and plants).