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Tiny Dinosaurs

Many different kinds of **dinosaurs** once lived on Earth. Some were huge—as long as three school buses. Others were very small—the size of dogs, cats, and chickens.

In this book, you'll read about eight pet-sized dinosaurs. Don't expect to find them in anyone's home, however. Like all dinosaurs, they disappeared more than 65 million years ago!





So far scientists have found **fossils** of about 800 different kinds of dinosaurs. They are finding more every year.

Microraptor

How do you say it?

mye-kroh-RAP-tur

What does it mean?

small thief

How big was it?

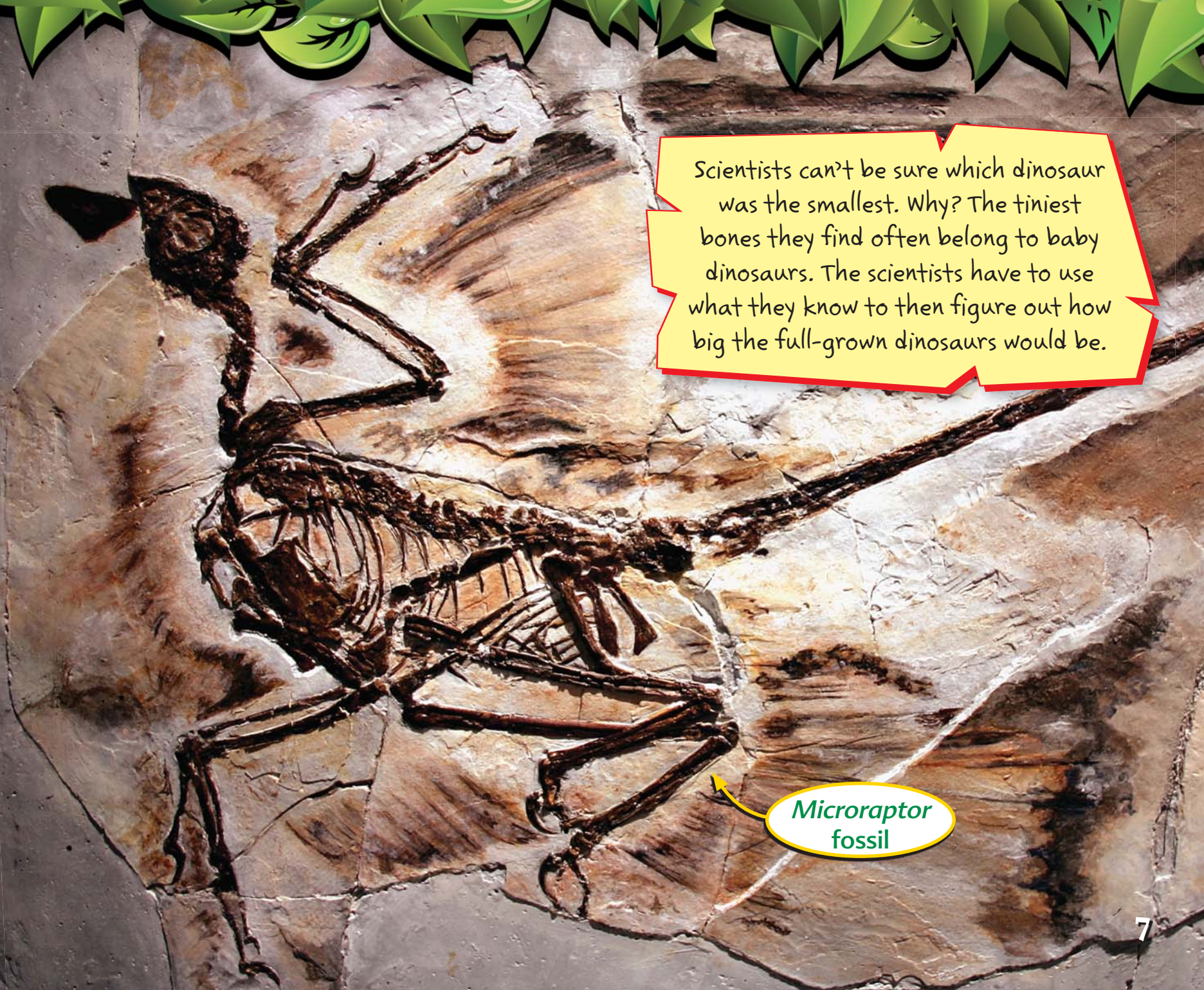


Microraptor was one of the smallest dinosaurs that ever lived.

How small was it?

Microraptor was about 2.5 feet (.7 m) long—the size of a crow with a very long tail.





Scientists can't be sure which dinosaur was the smallest. Why? The tiniest bones they find often belong to baby dinosaurs. The scientists have to use what they know to then figure out how big the full-grown dinosaurs would be.

Microraptor
fossil

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How much do you really know about dinosaurs?

Put your knowledge to the test with this question-and-answer book full of fascinating facts about some of the smallest prehistoric creatures that ever lived.

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