

Spinosaurus mirabilis

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Spinosaurus mirabilis Latest News

A new meat-eating dinosaur species, *Spinosaurus mirabilis*, was recently discovered in the Sahara Desert.

About *Spinosaurus mirabilis*

- It is a **new meat-eating dinosaur**, belonging to 'Spinosaurus' species.
- The dinosaur's fossils were uncovered in the remote **fossil area of Jengueb in Niger**, deep in the **central Sahara**.
- It **existed** nearly **95 million years ago**.
- It likely **lived in a forested inland habitat dissected by rivers**.
- With this new finding, *mirabilis* becomes the **second known species of Spinosaurus**.
- The remains of first known species – **Spinosaurus aegyptiacus** – were discovered in **1915** from fossils excavated in **Egypt**.

Spinosaurus mirabilis Features

- The most striking feature of *S. mirabilis* is a **massive, scimitar-shaped cranial crest**, unlike anything previously documented in the group.
- Based on the crest's surface texture and interior vascular canals, the experts believe the **crest** was **sheathed in keratin**.
- They reckon that this display feature was **brightly colored in life, curving toward the sky as a blade-shaped beacon**.
- Other findings from the skull and leg bones show that *S. mirabilis* was a formidable, **semiaquatic hunter**.
- Its **interlocking conical teeth** and **long legs** would have allowed the dinosaur to **hunt on land**, as well as to **wade through the shallows and pluck creatures out of the water**.

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