



Accidental Discovery of 92-Foot Dinosaur in China

Description

In late 2025, workers in Chongqing, China, found the bones of a giant dinosaur. This dinosaur is called *Tongnanlong zhimingi*. It is a new species that scientists had not seen before.

The dinosaur is about 28 meters long. This makes it one of the biggest land animals known. The discovery is important because it can tell us more about dinosaurs and how they lived.

A research team led by Xuefang Wei wrote a report about the dinosaur in November 2025. They found the bones in a formation that is about 147 million years old. This area also has fossils of different animals like turtles and clams, showing that it was a wet environment.

Scientists believe that this area could support many large herbivores, which are plant-eating animals. The position of *Tongnanlong's* remains shows it died near where it was found.

The discovery challenges an old theory. This theory said that dinosaurs in East Asia evolved in isolation. The finding suggests that dinosaurs moved more widely than previously thought.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Species** /'spi:ʃi:z/ (noun): A group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or interbreeding.
2. **Discovery** /dɪs'kʌvəri/ (noun): The act of finding or uncovering something new.
3. **Environment** /ɪn'vaɪrənmənt/ (noun): The surroundings or conditions in which a person animal or plant lives or operates.
4. **Herbivores** /'hɜ:rbɪvɔ:rz/ (noun): Animals that primarily eat plants.
5. **Fossils** /'fɒ:səlz/ (noun): The remains or impression of a prehistoric organism preserved in petrified form or as a mold or cast in rock.
6. **Theory** /'θi:əri/ (noun): A supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the new giant dinosaur species found in Chongqing, China in late 2025?



- Option: Tongnanlong zhimingi
- Option: Brachiosaurus
- Option: Stegosaurus
- Option: Tyrannosaurus Rex

2. How long is the dinosaur Tongnanlong zhimingi estimated to be?

- Option: 10 meters
- Option: 20 meters
- Option: 28 meters
- Option: 35 meters

3. Who led the research team that discovered the dinosaur bones in Chongqing in November 2025?

- Option: Xuefang Wei
- Option: Michael Jordan
- Option: Maria Lopez
- Option: David Smith

4. What age is the formation where the dinosaur bones were found in Chongqing?

- Option: 50 million years old
- Option: 100 million years old
- Option: 147 million years old
- Option: 200 million years old

5. What type of environment is indicated by the presence of fossils like turtles and clams in the discovery area?

- Option: Desert
- Option: Wetland
- Option: Mountain
- Option: Forest

6. What does the discovery of Tongnanlong zhimingi challenge?

- Option: Theory of evolution
- Option: Theory of plate tectonics
- Option: Theory of relativity
- Option: Theory of gravity

True-False



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7. The dinosaur Tongnanlong zhimingi is one of the smallest land animals known.
 8. The presence of large herbivores is suggested by the discovery in Chongqing, China.
 9. The report about Tongnanlong zhimingi was written in September 2025.
 10. The remains of Tongnanlong zhimingi indicate it died far from where it was found.
 11. Before the discovery, scientists had already seen the species Tongnanlong zhimingi.
 12. The finding of Tongnanlong zhimingi suggests a wider range of dinosaur movement.

Gap-Fill

13. The age of the formation where Tongnanlong zhimingi was found is about _____ million years old.
14. Scientists found fossils of different animals in the discovery area, showing that it was a _____ environment.
15. The dinosaur Tongnanlong zhimingi was discovered in Chongqing, China in late _____.
16. Xuefang Wei led the research team that wrote a report about Tongnanlong zhimingi in _____ 2025.
17. The discovery of Tongnanlong zhimingi challenges the theory that dinosaurs in East Asia evolved in _____.
18. Large herbivores are believed to have been supported in the area where Tongnanlong zhimingi was found due to its ability to support many _____.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Tongnanlong zhimingi 2. 28 meters 3. Xuefang Wei 4. 147 million years old 5. Wetland
6. Theory of dinosaur isolation in East Asia

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 147 14. wet 15. 2025 16. November 17. isolation 18. herbivores

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