



# Traces in China hint at discovery of a new megaraptor co-existing with dinosaurs

## Description

Scientists in Chile have unearthed megaraptors and feathered dinosaur fossils, challenging the terrifying depiction of Velociraptors in "Jurassic Park." Contrary to the large, aggressive predators in the movies, real Velociraptors were relatively small, similar in size to wolves, and covered in non-threatening feathers. However, a recent discovery by a team of paleontologists suggests a close relative to the Velociraptor, known as a megaraptor, may have existed, with estimated sizes closer to those in the films.

These findings come from fossilized footprints found in China, believed to belong to one of the largest raptors ever discovered. While much larger than the raptors in "Jurassic Park," this megaraptor is described as slimmer and more intelligent than its fictional counterpart. The footprints, with a unique shape featuring two toes, were identified as belonging to a new species named Fujianipus yingliangi, estimated to be nearly six feet tall and 15 feet long.

Further research into the megaraptor's bones could provide more insight into its appearance and behavior. The discovery sheds light on the diversity and adaptability of raptor dinosaurs, showcasing the incredible size range within the species. The study, published in the journal iScience, offers valuable information on prehistoric wildlife and scientific advancements in paleontology.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Unearthed** // (verb): To excavate or uncover something that was buried or hidden.
2. **Megaraptors** // (noun): A type of dinosaur characterized by large size and predatory nature.
3. **Feathered** // (adjective): Covered or adorned with feathers.
4. **Terrifying** // (adjective): Causing extreme fear or dread.
5. **Depiction** // (noun): A representation or portrayal of something often in a particular way.
6. **Paleontologists** // (noun): Scientists who study fossils and ancient life forms.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What are people who are passionate about a particular subject called?  
Option: Adorned  
Option: Serpentine  
Option: Enthusiasts  
Option: Tranquility
2. What type of racing involves specially designed vehicles speeding through various terrains?  
Option: Podracing  
Option: Doubleheader  
Option: Navigational  
Option: Liftoff
3. What physical characteristic do birds typically have?  
Option: Feathered  
Option: Terrifying  
Option: Depiction  
Option: Paleontologists
4. What term describes something that has been changed or modified?  
Option: Dupe  
Option: Altered  
Option: Athletic  
Option: Intellectual Property



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5. Which technology involves machines simulating human intelligence?  
Option: Artificial Intelligence  
Option: Copyright Infringement  
Option: Enthusiasts  
Option: Podracing
6. What term refers to the range of things that something can do?  
Option: Milestones  
Option: Formidable  
Option: Capabilities  
Option: Noteworthy
7. What term describes a competitor or opponent?  
Option: Twilight  
Option: Rival  
Option: Cooperative  
Option: Successor
8. What word is used to describe something that has been dug up or discovered?  
Option: Unearthed  
Option: Megaraptors  
Option: Feathered  
Option: Terrifying
9. What term refers to the portrayal or representation of something?  
Option: Depiction  
Option: Paleontologists  
Option: Dupe  
Option: Altered
10. Where do boats or ships come to load or unload passengers or cargo?  
Option: Dock  
Option: Embark  
Option: Capabilites  
Option: Milestones

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The Christmas tree was beautifully \_\_\_\_\_ with sparkling lights and ornaments.
12. The army faced a \_\_\_\_\_ challenge as they went up against the well-equipped enemy



forces.

13. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ baseball game this weekend with two matches scheduled back to back.

14. The project was successful due to the \_\_\_\_\_ effort of all team members working together.

15. After the retirement of the CEO the board appointed a new \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the company.

16. The haunted house had a \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere that made visitors scream in fear.

17. In the sci-fi movie the high-speed \_\_\_\_\_ scene was filled with intense action.

18. Using someone else's work without permission is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The peaceful garden offered a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and relaxation to all who visited.

20. As the countdown ended the rocket began its \_\_\_\_\_ into outer space.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The road through the mountains was long and winding following a path to the summit.
22. The artist's latest work was particularly attracting attention for its unique style.
23. Pilots rely on instruments to guide their planes safely to their destinations.
24. Graduating from university and starting her own business were significant in her life.
25. were large carnivorous dinosaurs with sharp claws and teeth.
26. The two companies have been fierce in the market constantly vying for the top spot.
27. The city skyline at was painted in hues of orange and pink as the sun set.
28. Companies must protect their from being copied or used without authorization.



29. The con artist managed to several unsuspecting individuals into giving him their money.

30. Passengers will on a journey of discovery and adventure aboard the luxurious cruise ship.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Enthusiasts 2. Podracing 3. Feathered 4. Altered 5. Artificial Intelligence 6. Capabilities 7. Rival 8. Unearthed 9. Depiction 10. Dock

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Adorned 12. Formidable 13. Doubleheader 14. Cooperative 15. Successor 16. Terrifying 17. Podracing 18. Copyright Infringement 19. Tranquility 20. Liftoff

**Matching sentence:** 1. Serpentine 2. Noteworthy 3. Navigational 4. Milestones 5. Megaraptors 6. Rival 7. Twilight 8. Intellectual Property 9. Dupe 10. Embark

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