

Brachiosaurus

The *Brachiosaurus* is a type of dinosaur known as a Sauropod. They lived in North America during the Late Jurassic, about 154–153 million years ago. It was first described by American palaeontologist Elmer S. Riggs in 1903 from fossils found in the Colorado River valley in western Colorado, United States. The name *Brachiosaurus* comes from Greek words meaning 'arm' and 'lizard'. The name refers to the interesting nature of *Brachiosaurus* legs which were longer at the front than the back. The *Brachiosaurus* had a long neck, a small head and a relatively short tail compared to other Sauropods. The weight of *Brachiosaurus* has been estimated between 30 and 45 metric tons and the length of *Brachiosaurus* is believed to have been around 26 metres (85 feet). They are herbivorous. They ate between 200 and 400 kilograms (440 and 880 pounds) of plants every day. For almost a century, *Brachiosaurus* was considered the tallest of all dinosaurs. An asteroid found in the main asteroid belt of the Solar System was named after the *Brachiosaurus*. They are commonly eating ginkgo. Ginkgo is a genus of highly unusual non-flowering plants. The scientific name is also used as the English name.

