



# Subphylum Vertebrata

- Subphylum Vertebrata has several divisions you need to be familiar with:
  - Superclass Agnatha – Jawless Fish;  
Ostracoderm (fossil)
  - Superclass Gnathostomata
    - Class Placodermi – First Jawed Fish (Fossils)
    - Class Chondrichthyes – Cartilaginous Fish; Sharks; Rays
    - Class Osteichthyes
      - Subclass Actinopterygii – Ray-finned Fish; Goldfish; Sea Horse
      - Subclass Sarcopterygii – Lobe-finned Fish; Coelocanth

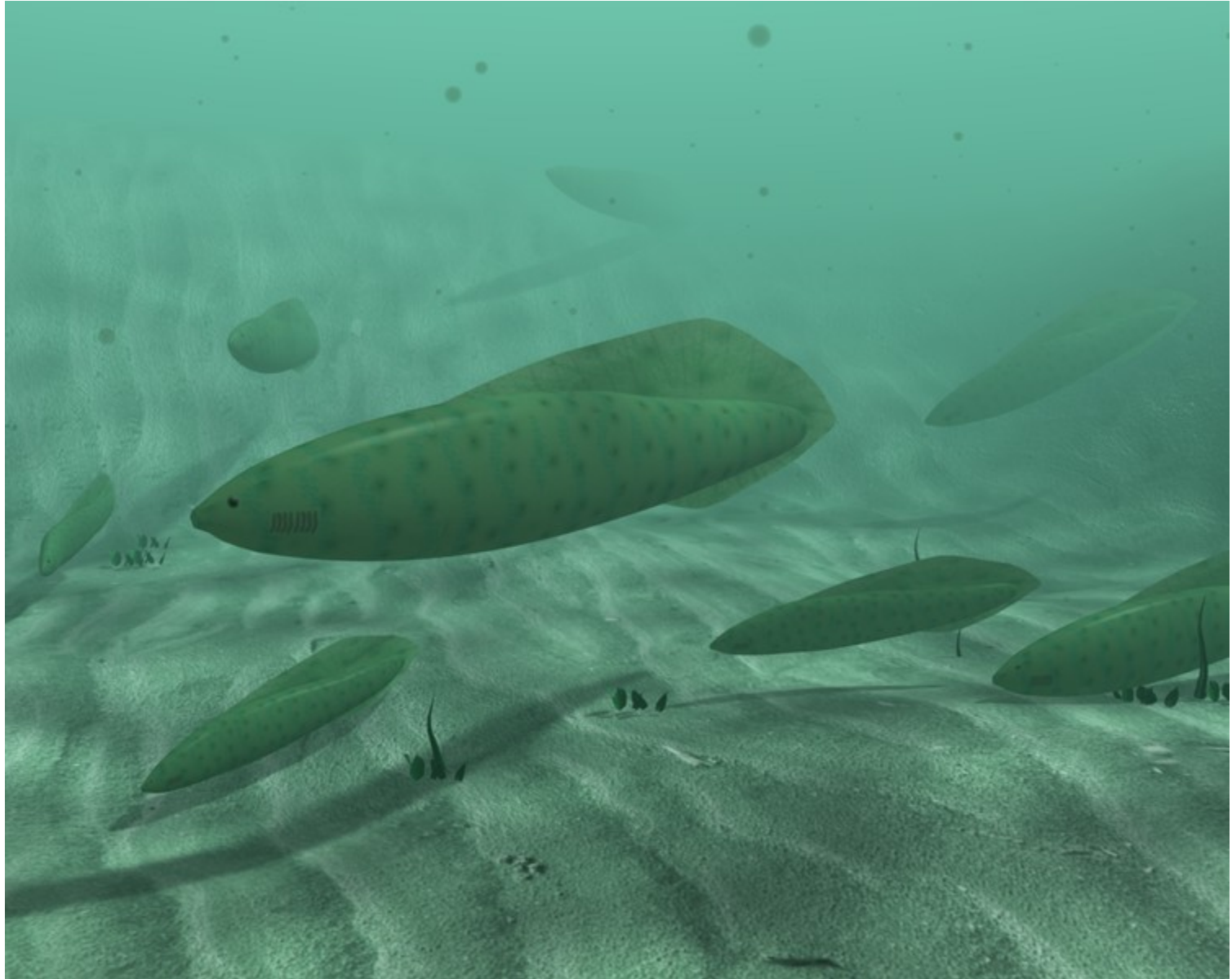


# Vertebrata

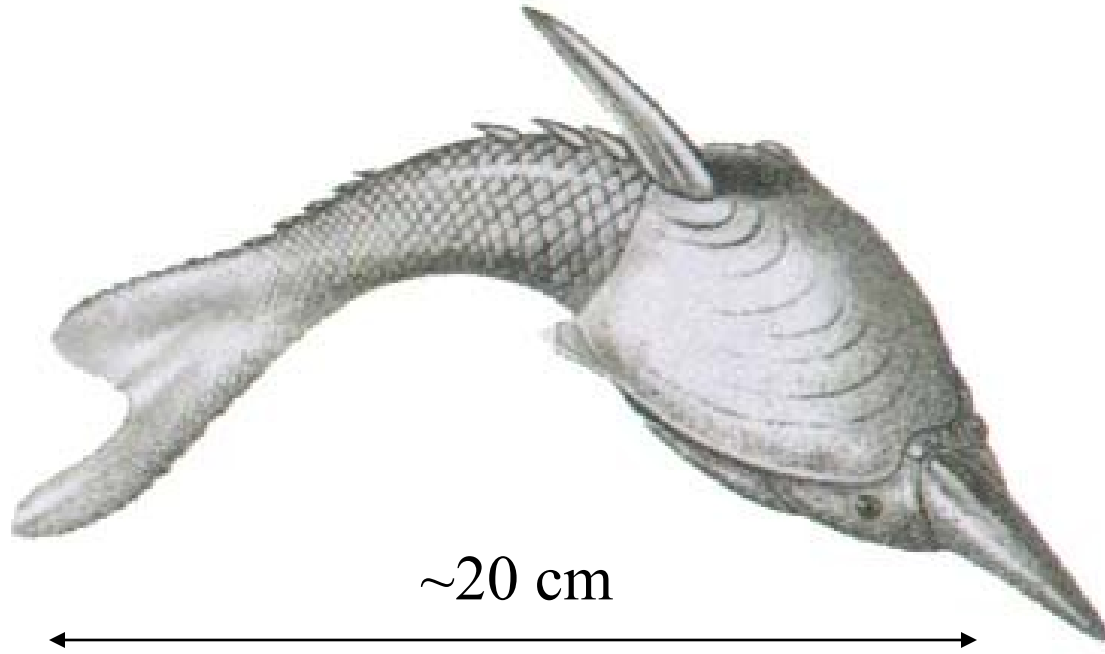
Vertebrates originated about **525 million years ago** during the **Cambrian explosion**, which saw the rise in organism diversity. The earliest known vertebrate is believed to be the *Mylokunmingia*. [1] Another early vertebrate is *Haikouichthys ercaicunensis*. Unlike the other fauna that dominated the Cambrian, these groups had the basic vertebrate body plan: a notochord, rudimentary vertebrae, and a well-defined head and tail. [17] All of these early vertebrates lacked jaws in the common sense and relied on filter feeding close to the seabed. [18] A vertebrate group of uncertain phylogeny, small-eel-like conodonts, are known from microfossils of their paired tooth segments from the late Cambrian to the end of the Triassic

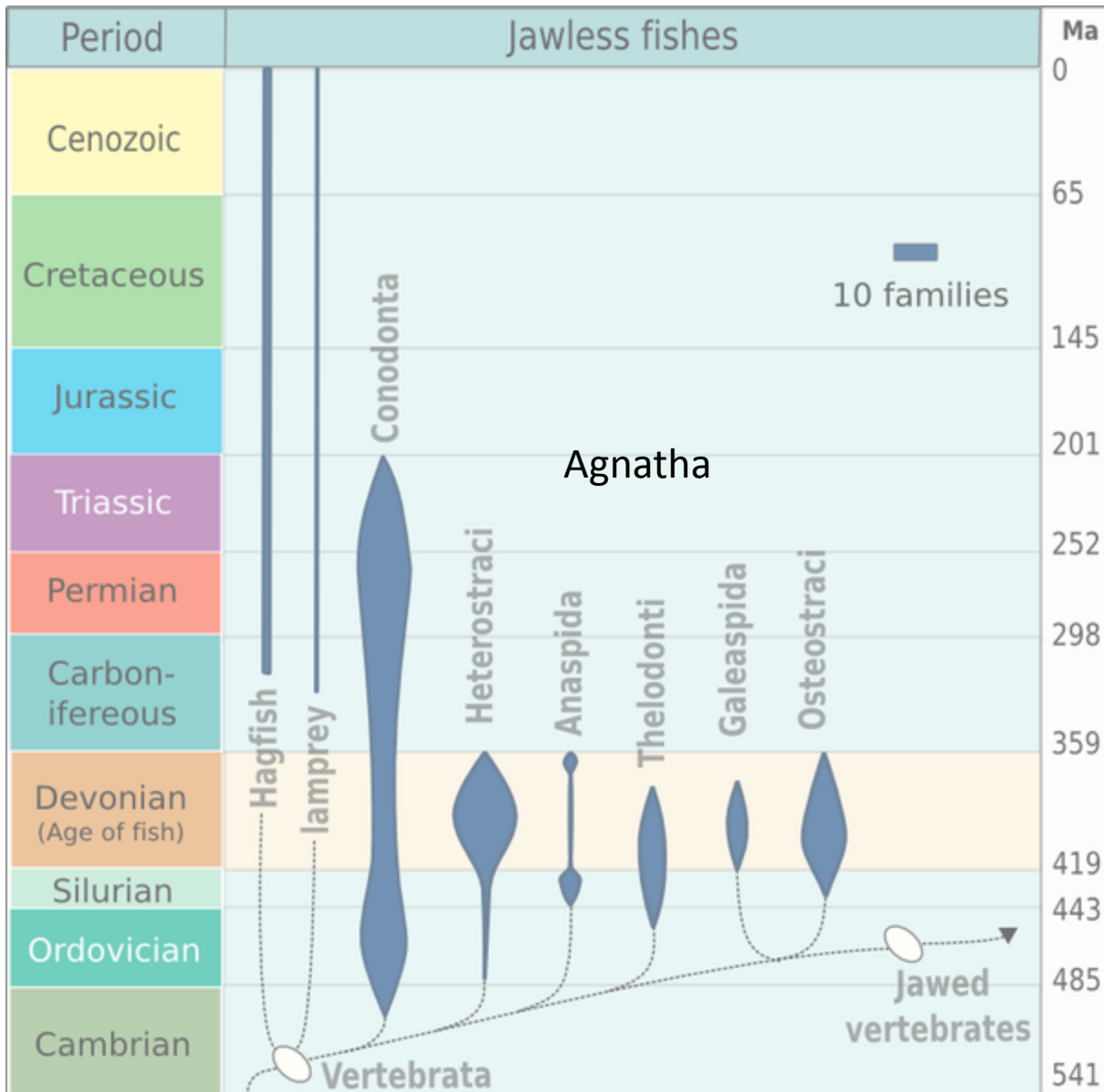


*Haikouichthys ercaicunensis*



# Devonian Jawless Fish



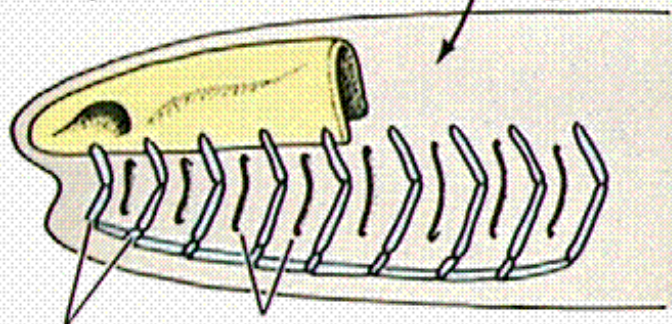


# CONODONTS

- conodonts are small tooth shaped structures
  - have been found in fossil record for many years
  - important biostratigraphically
  - made of phosphate (like most vertebrate bones)
  - Ordovician conodont over 1 foot long (1995)
  - probably a predator in Chordata

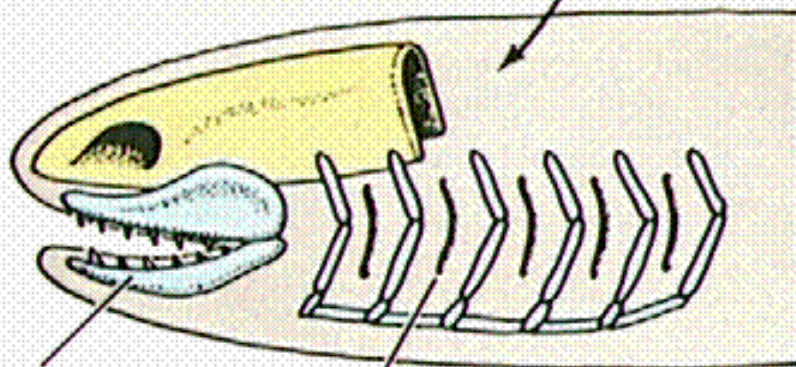
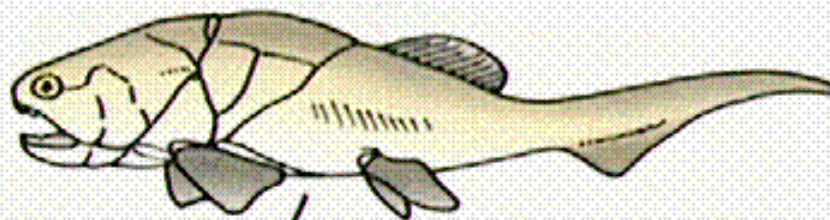


Jawless fishes  
(agnaths)



Gill arches    Gill slits

Early jawed fishes  
(placoderms)



Jaw (from  
gill arches)

Gill slit

Vznik čelistí z žaberních  
podpor



KINGDOM: **ANIMALIA**  
PHYLUM: **CHORDATA**

**CRANIATA** (vertebrates) *CAMB.*

CLASSES: **CONODONTA\*** *CAMB.*

**AGNATHA** (jawless fish) *CAMB.*

## **Gnathostomata**

**ACANTHODI** (spiny sharks)\* *SIL.*

**PLACODERMI** (armored fish)\* *SIL.*

**CHONDRICHTHYES** (cartilaginous sharks) *DEV*

**OSTEICHTHYES** (bony fish) *SIL.*

- Subclass Actinopterygii (paprskoploutví)
- Subclass Sarcopterygii (nozdratí)

**AMPHIBIA** (amphibians) *DEV.*

**REPTILIA** (reptiles) *CARB.*

**AVES** (birds) *JURASSIC*

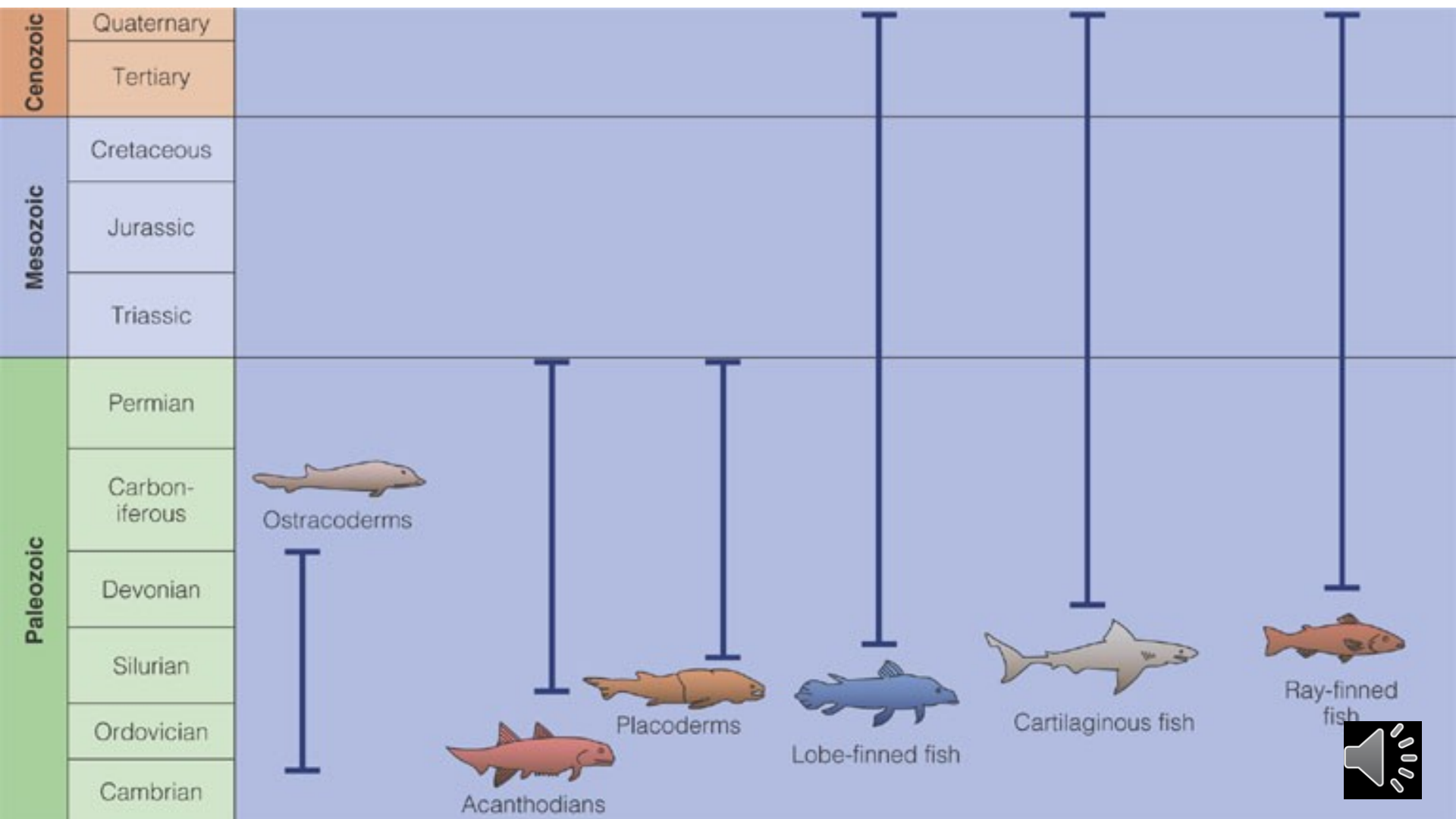
**MAMMALIA**

(mammals) *TRIASSIC*





# Geologic Ranges of Major Fish Groups

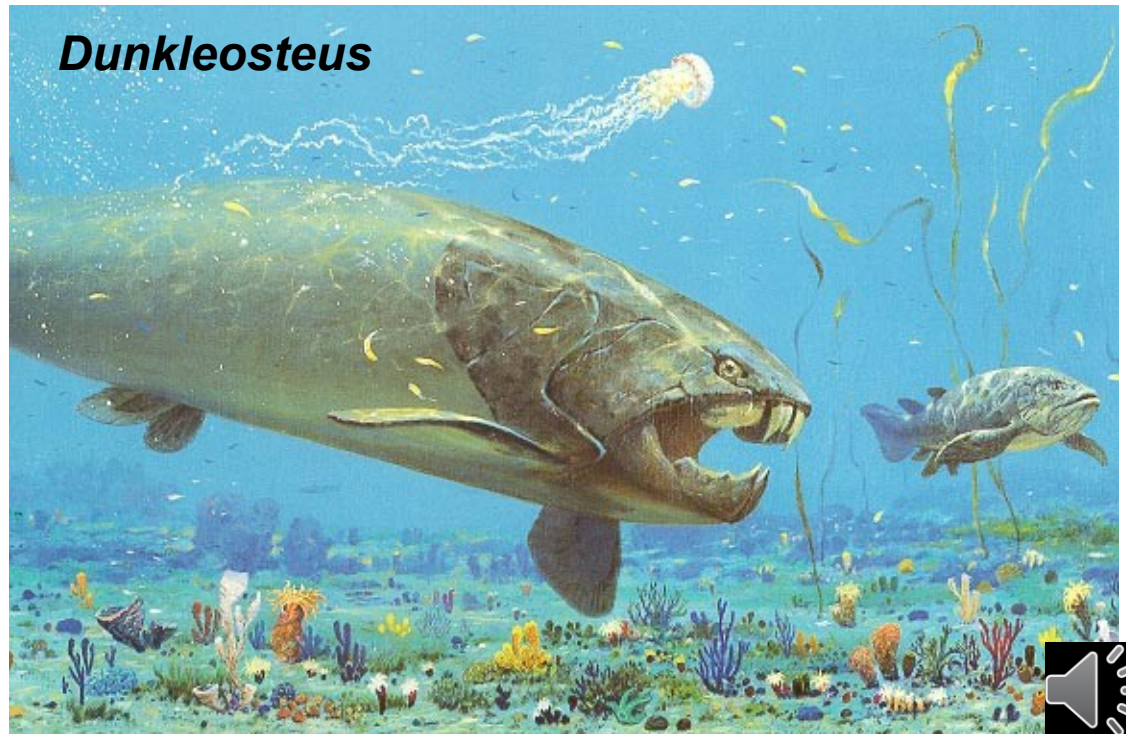


# EARLY PALEOZOIC LIFE

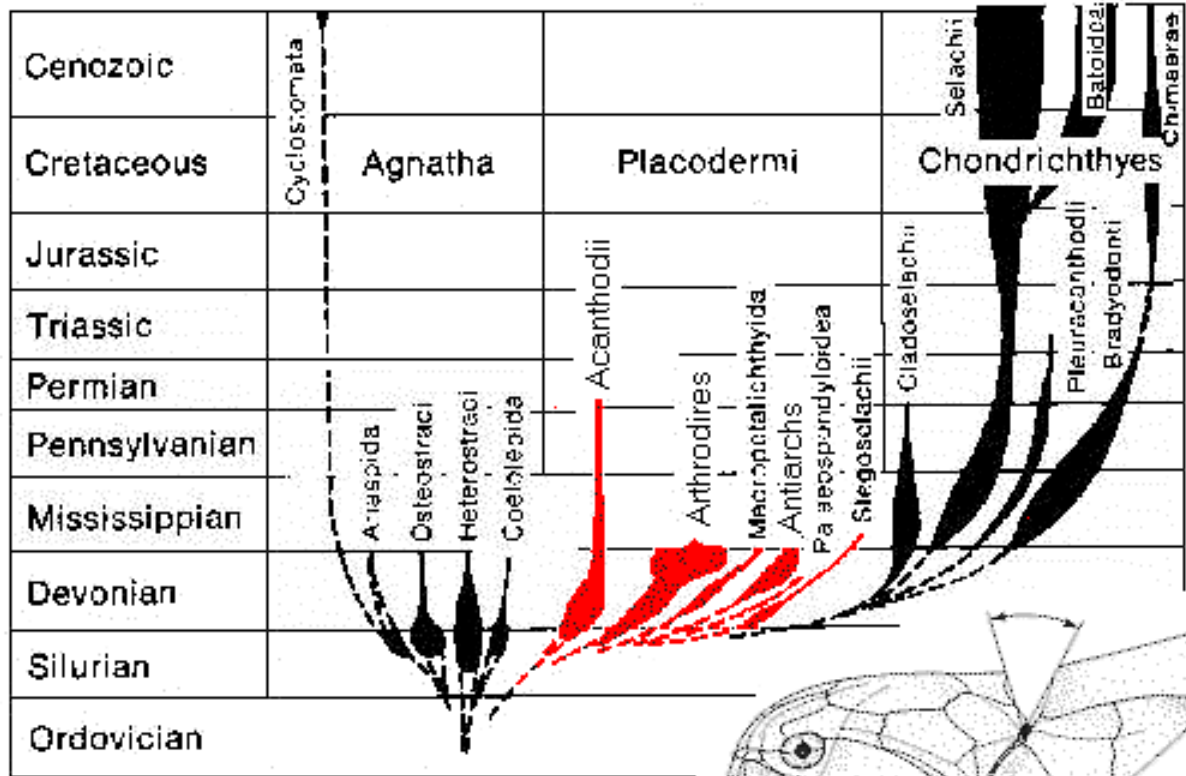
## Vertebrates

### Fish

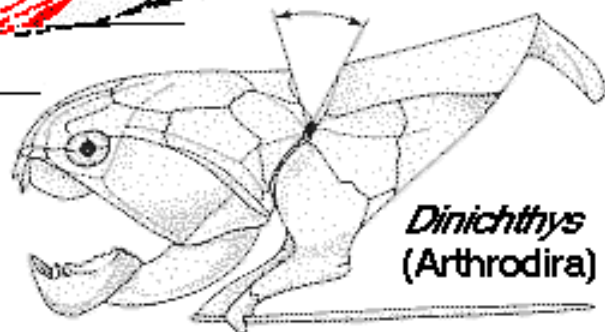
### Placodermi (Placoderms)



# Placodermi



**Adaptive Radiation of six Placoderm orders in the Devonian**



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## Vertebrates

### Fish

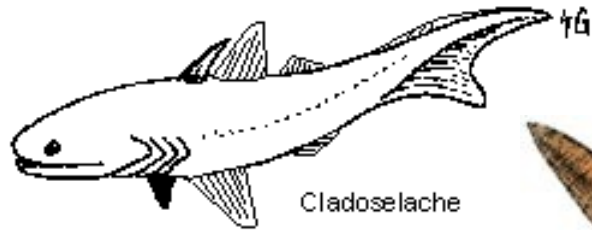
#### Acanthodii (Acanthodians)

#### Early jawed fish

#### Late Silurian to Permian



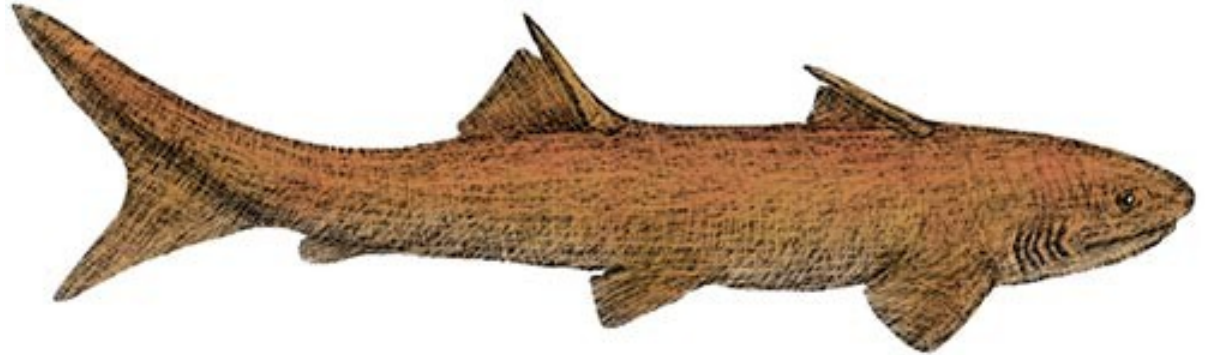
# Chondrichthyes -Paryby



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First sharks

## Elasmobranchii - žraloci



*Ctenacanthus* sp, a Late Devonian and Carboniferous shark

The very earliest signs of sharks are minute fossil **scales** and teeth which are found in rocks from the late **Silurian to early Devonian** period (around 400 million years ago). It becomes more and more difficult, however, to identify shark scales in older rocks because they closely resemble those from jawless fishes called the lodonts, which lived at the same time. Only microscopic differences separate shark and the lodont scales, and the two kinds seem to become more and more alike the further one goes back.



## **OSTEICHTHYES** (bony fish) *S/L*.

- **Subclass Actinopterygii**  
(paprskoploutví)
- **Subclass Sarcopterygii**  
(nozdratí)

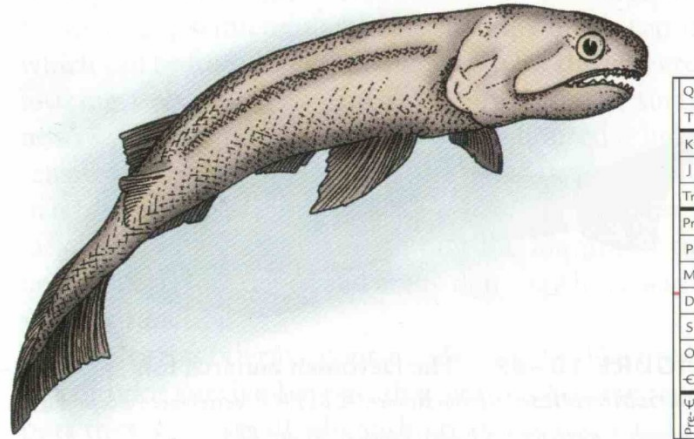


# Actinopterygii

## Chondrostei - chrupavčití

well represented by the genus *Cheirolepis* (Fig. 10–71). From such fishes as these evolved the more advanced bony fishes during the Mesozoic and Cenozoic.

The second category of bony fishes, the Sarcopterygii, is characterized by fishes with sturdy, fleshy lobe-fins and a pair of openings in the roof of the mouth that led to clearly visible external nostrils.



## Sarcopterygii -nozdratí

Mezi charakteristické hlavní znaky těchto tzv. *živých fosílií* patří vyvinutí choanů (vnitřních nozder), které umožňují vdechování atmosférického vzduchu se zavřenou tlamou. A také rozvinuté plicní dýchání

*podtřída* lalokoploutví (Coelacanthimorphes)

*podtřída* dvojdyšní (Dipnoi)

Původ obojživelníků, a tedy všech čtyřnožců, je zahalen tajemstvím. K předkům obojživelníků mohly patřit lalokoploutvé ryby dýchající vzduch, jejichž ploutve se postupně přeměnily na končetiny schopné podpírat tělo. Možná se však obojživelníci vyvinuli z ryb dvojdyšných (Dipnoi). Fosilní záznam je ale poměrně kusý a je obtížné rozhodnout, jestli je daný živočich ještě rybou nebo už obojživelníkem





# Dipnoi

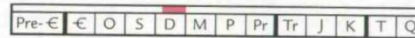
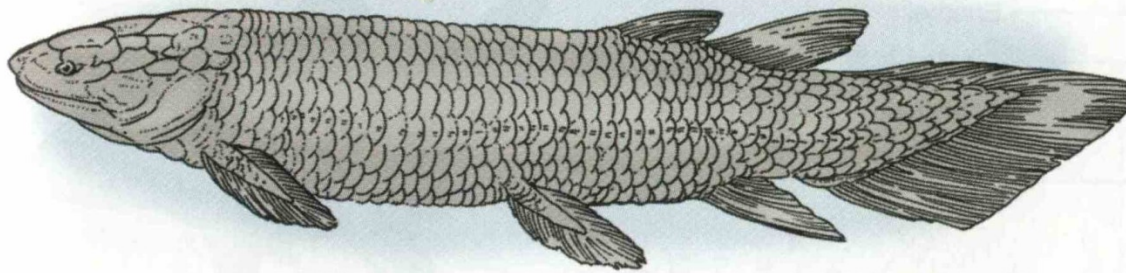
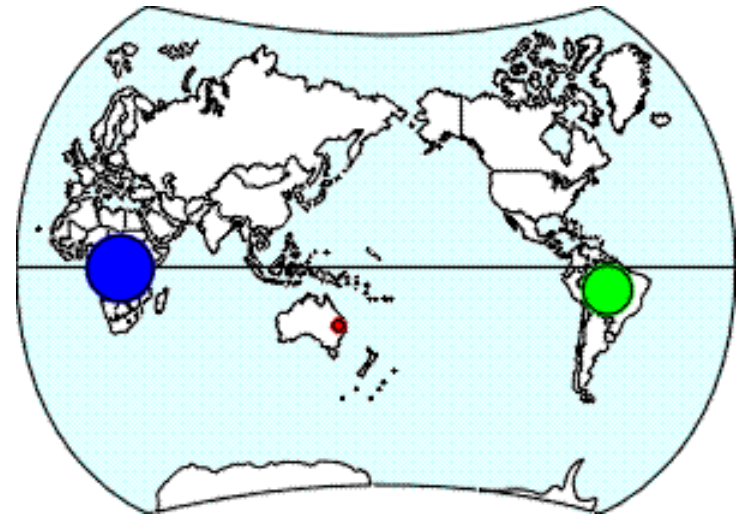


FIGURE 10-72 *Dipterus*, a Devonian lungfish.





*Neoceratodus forsteri*



*Protopterus ssp*



*Lepidosiren paradoxa*



# lalokoploutví (Coelacanthimorphes)

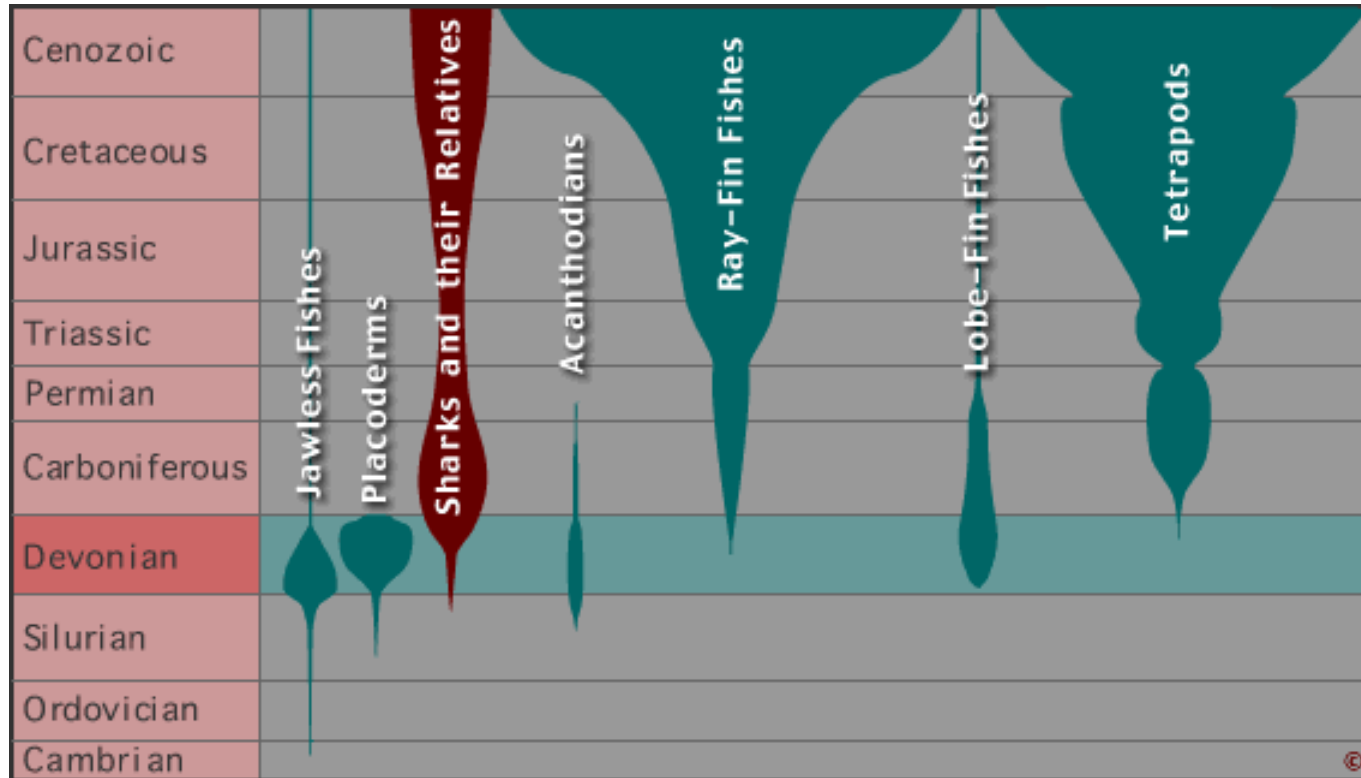


Eusthenopteron





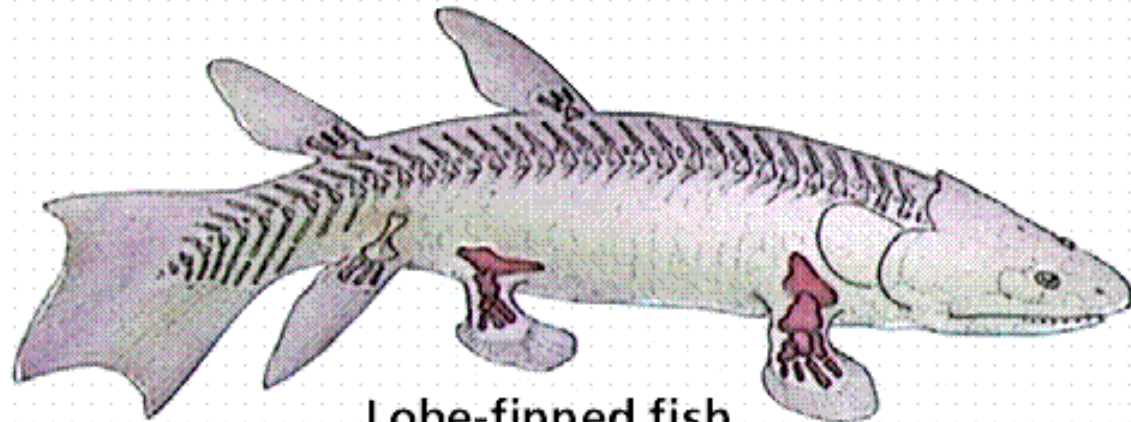
Latimeria chalumnae



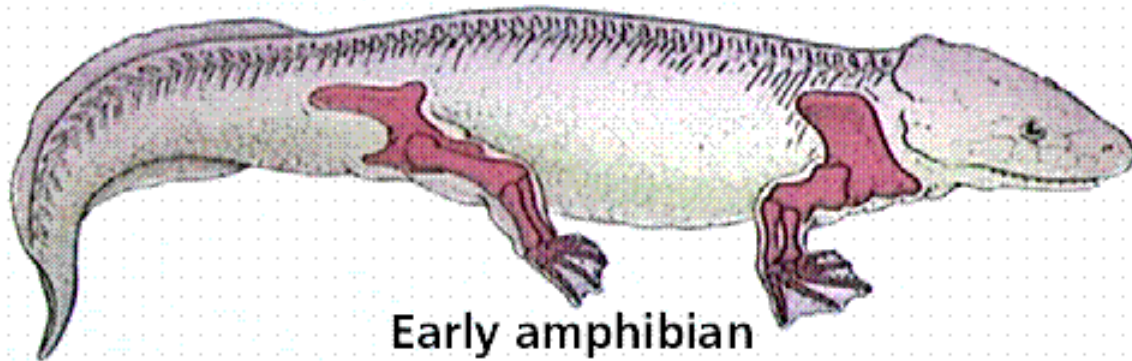
*Tiktaalik roseae* lived approximately 375 million years ago. Paleontologists suggest that it is representative of the transition between non-tetrapod vertebrates (fish) and early tetrapods such as *Acanthostega* and *Ichthyostega*, known from fossils about 365 million years old. Its mixture of primitive fish and derived tetrapod characteristics led one of its discoverers.

***Tiktaalik roseae*, has a skull, a neck, ribs and parts of the limbs that are similar to four-legged animals known as tetrapods**





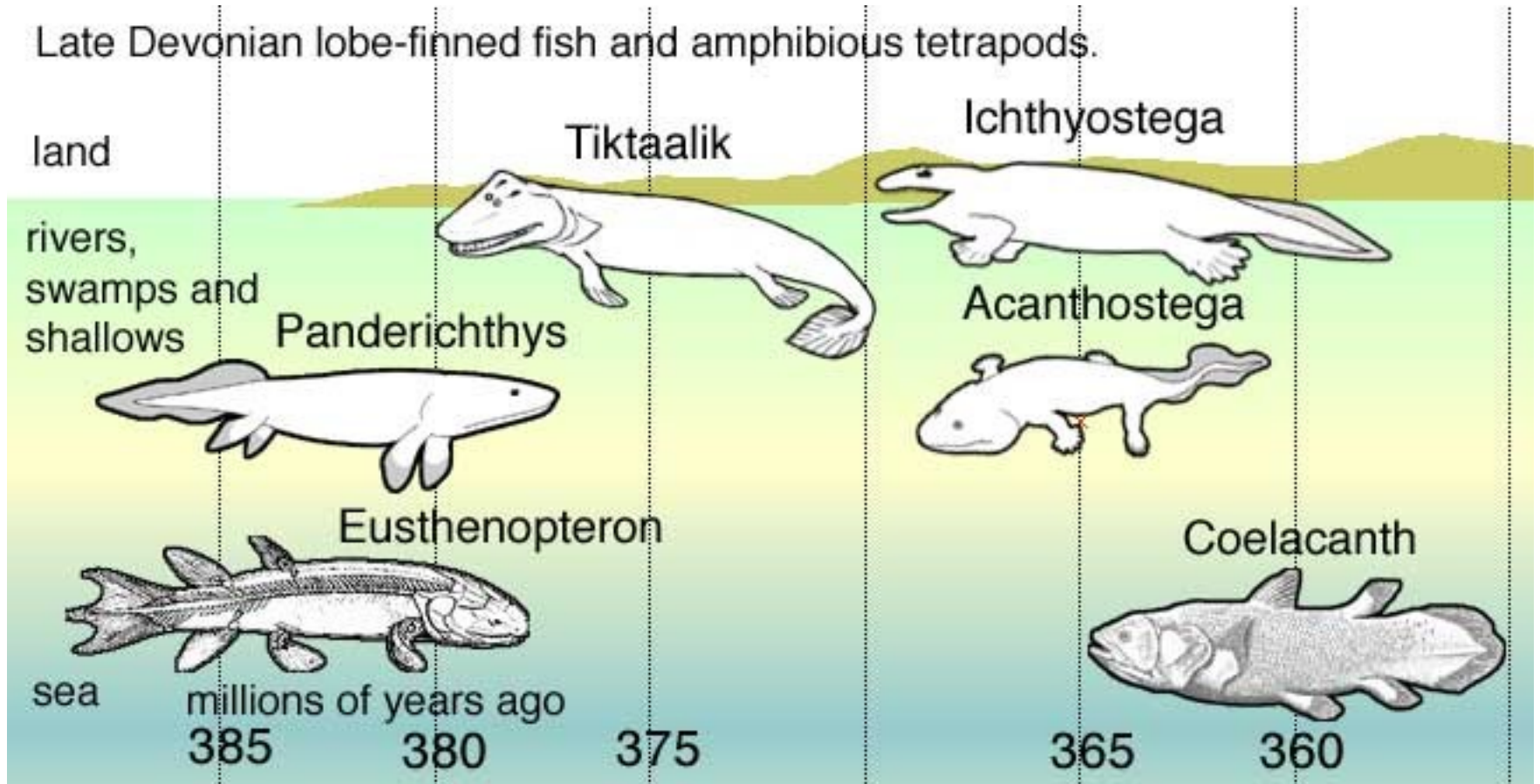
Lobe-finned fish



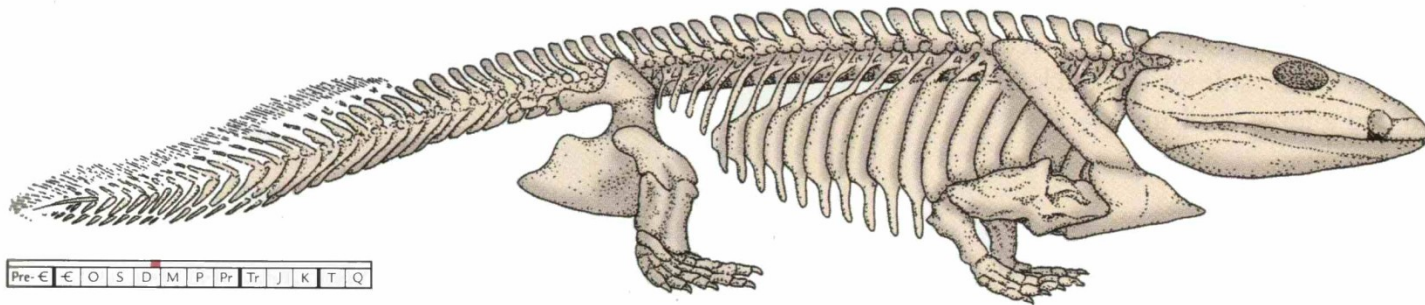
Early amphibian



Late Devonian lobe-finned fish and amphibious tetrapods.



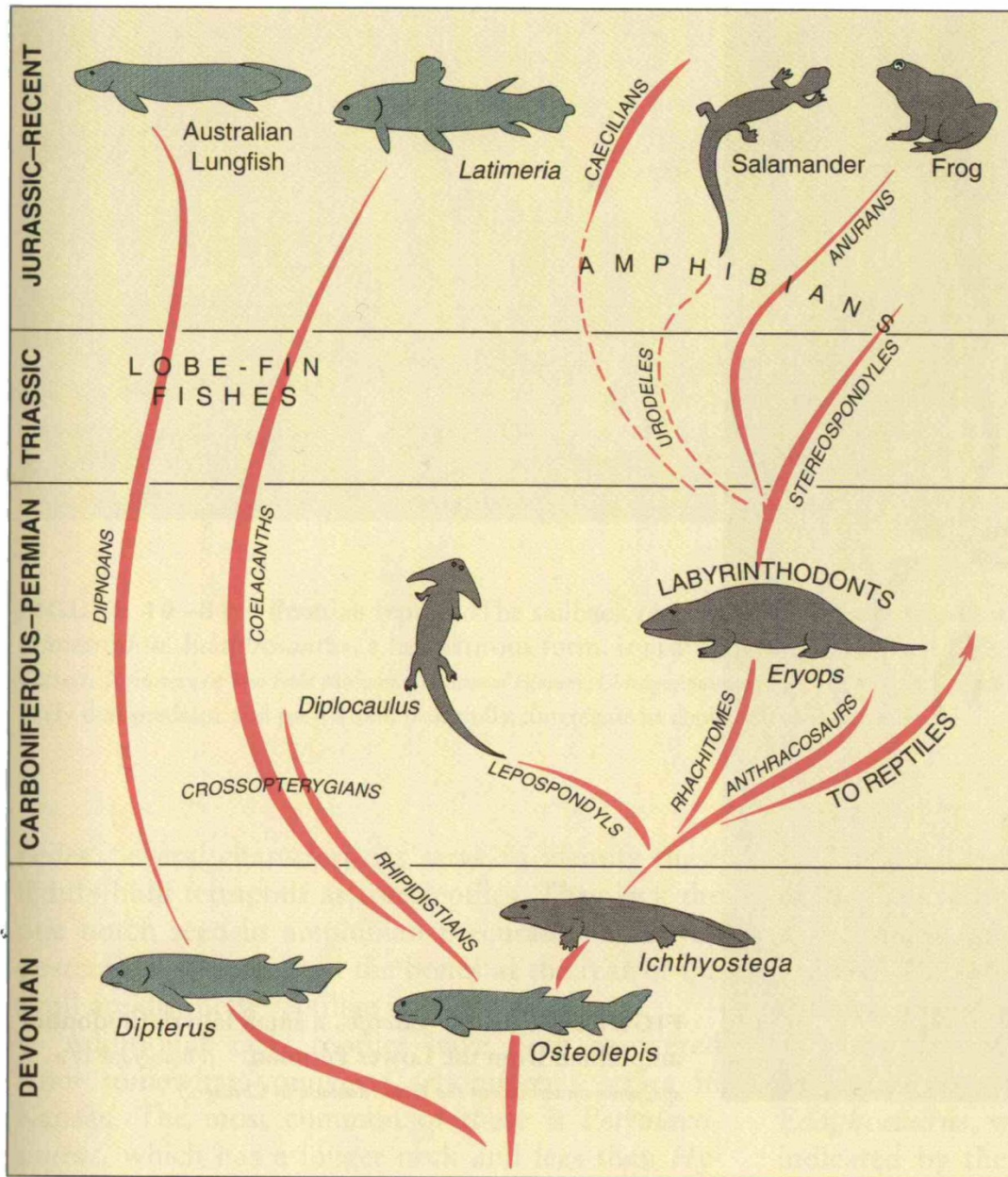
# Amphibia



**FIGURE 10–79** The skeleton of *Ichthyostega* still retains the fishlike form of its cross-opterygian ancestors. (From Levin, H. L. 1975. *Life Through Time*. Dubuque, IA: William C. Brown Co.)







**FIGURE 10-78** The evolution of amphibians and lobe-fin fishes. (From Colbert, E. H., and Morales, M. 1991. *Evolution of the Vertebrates*, 4th ed. New York: John Wiley. With permission of the author, artist Lois Darling, and the publisher.)



Amphibia — Labyrinthodonts. Carboniferous — age of amphibians.



Discosauriscus

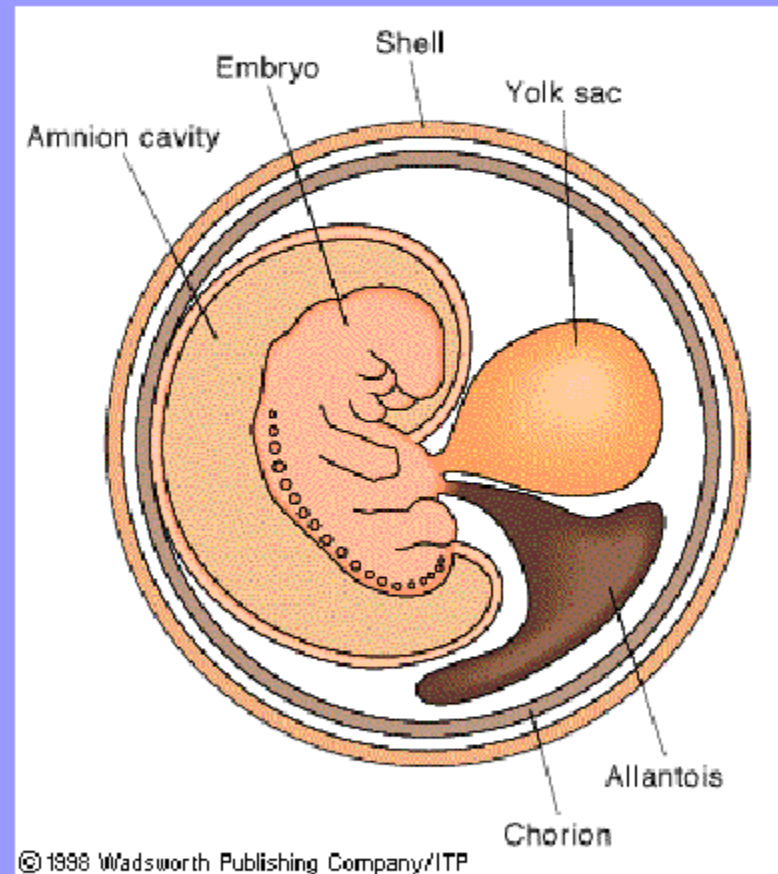


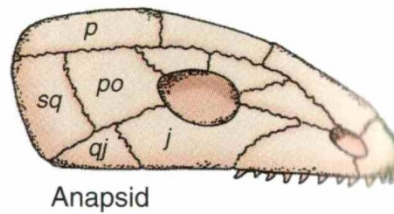
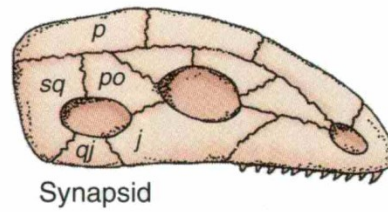
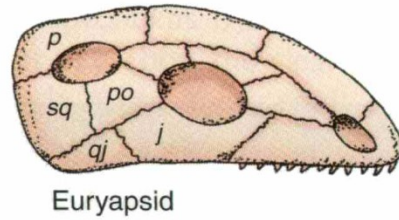
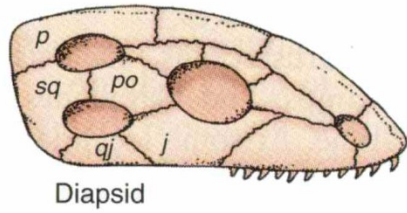
## Eryops 2m-lower Permian



# Evolution of the Reptiles - The Land is Conquered

- The evolution of the **amniote egg** freed reptiles from the constraint of returning to water to reproduce
  - amnion - liquid filled sac surrounding the embryo
  - allantois - waste sac
  - a tough shell protects the developing fetus
  - reptiles were able to colonize all parts of the land





**FIGURE 12–23** Reptile skull types. (*p*, parietal; *sq*, squamosal; *po*, postorbital; *j*, jugal; *qj*, quadratojugal.)

🔊 In which of the above groups are dinosaurs placed?



# Reptiles

Cotylosauria (anapsids) - first reptiles in middle Carboniferous)

Pelycosauria mammal-like reptiles, synapsids, first in Late Carboniferous, extinct in middle Permian

Therapsida – synapsids, predecessors of mammals, middle Triassic

First diapsids – late Carboniferous

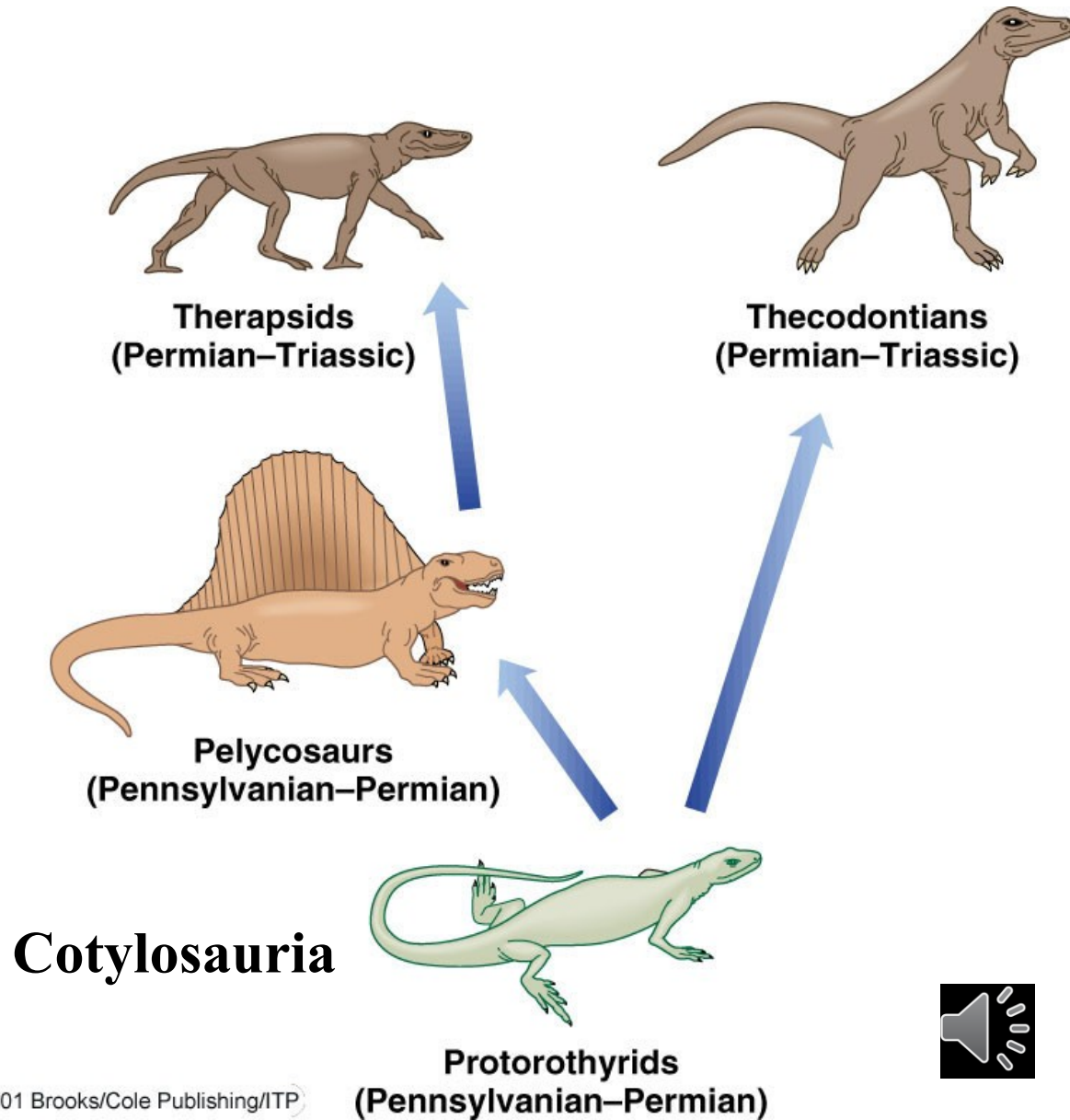
Thecodonts, ancestors of dinosaurs – late Permian

Notosaurs (euryapsids),



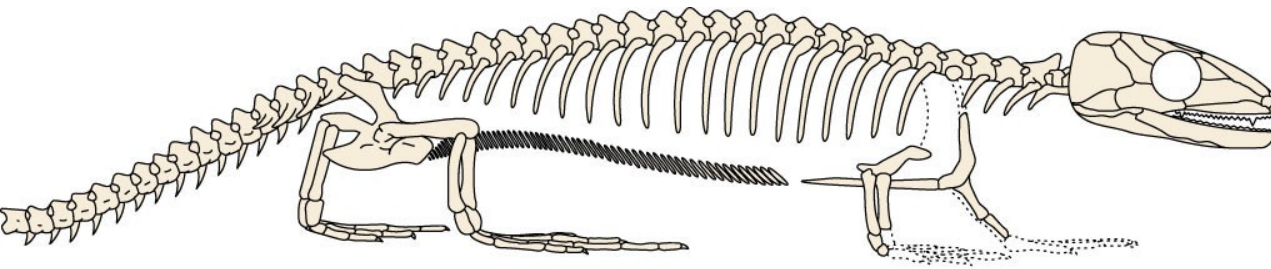
# Paleozoic Reptile Evolution

- Evolutionary relationship among the Paleozoic reptiles



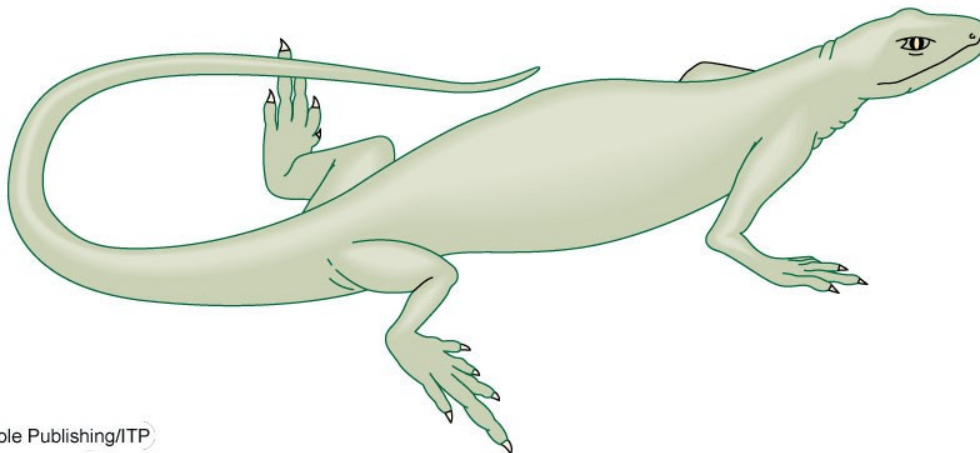
# One of the Oldest Known Reptiles

- Reconstruction and skeleton of *Hylonomus lyelli* from the Pennsylvanian Period



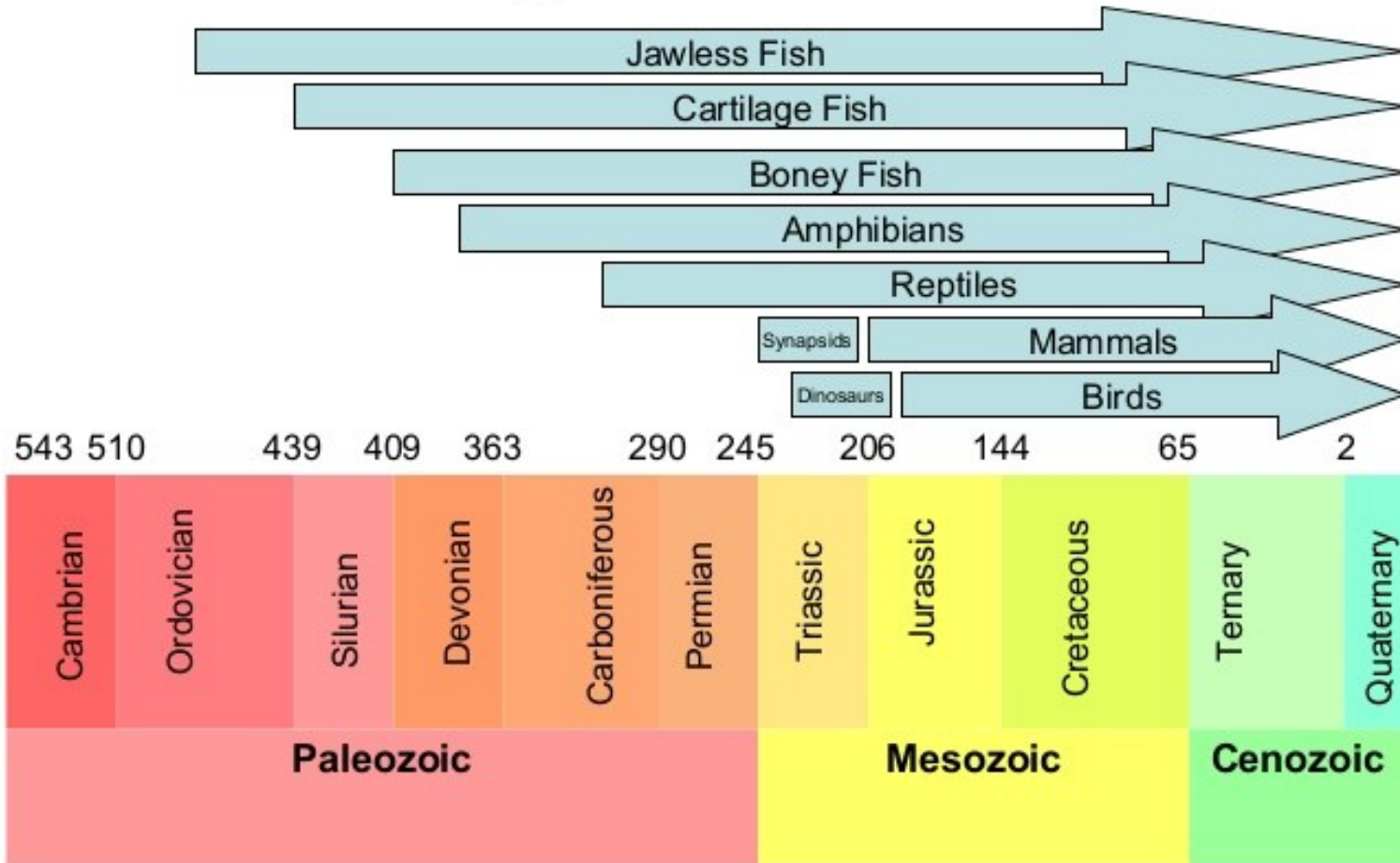
– *Hylonomus lyelli* was about 30 cm long

Cotylosauria

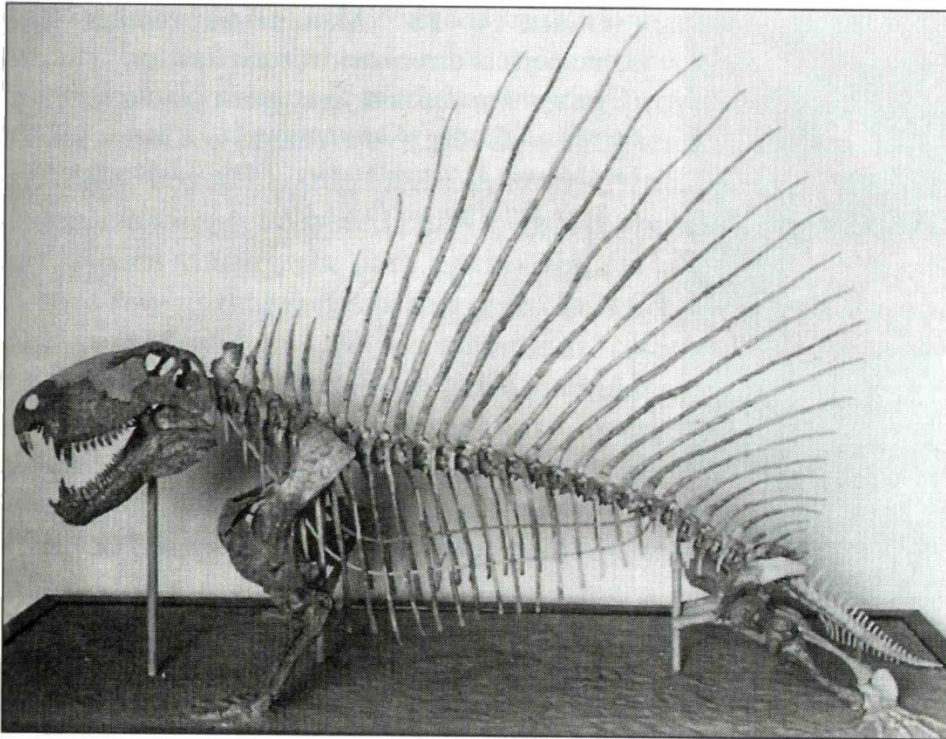




# Geological Timescale



# Pelycosauria



**FIGURE 10–82** Mounted skeleton of the Permian “sail-reptile” *Dimetrodon gigas*. The tail was actually somewhat longer. (Courtesy of the U. S. National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.)

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# Therapsids



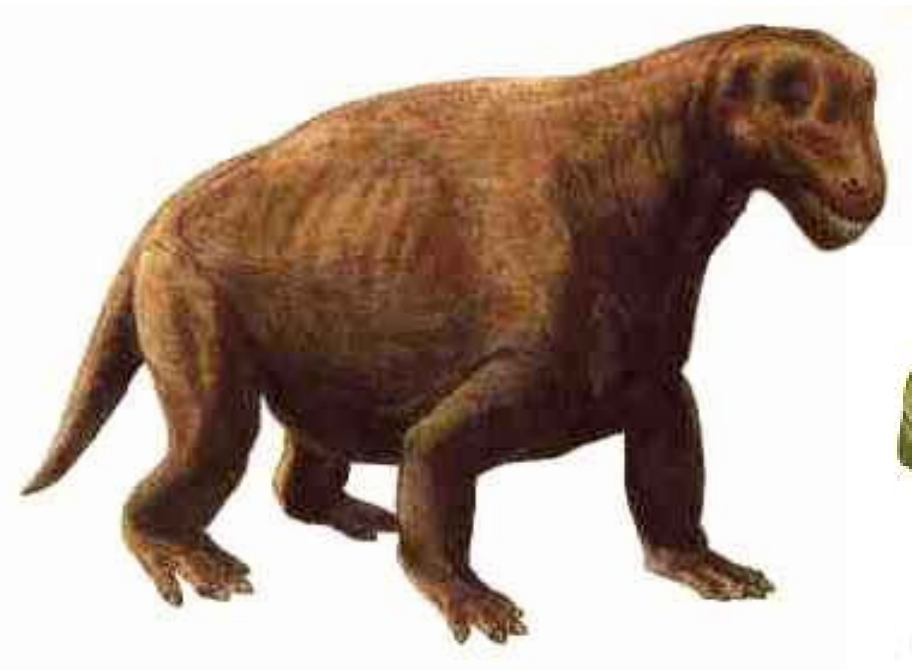
Der Sauroctonus wies bereits ein mächtiges, differenziertes Gebiss auf und wird eines der großen Raubtiere des Perms gewesen sein.(Werk des Künstlers Z. Burian)



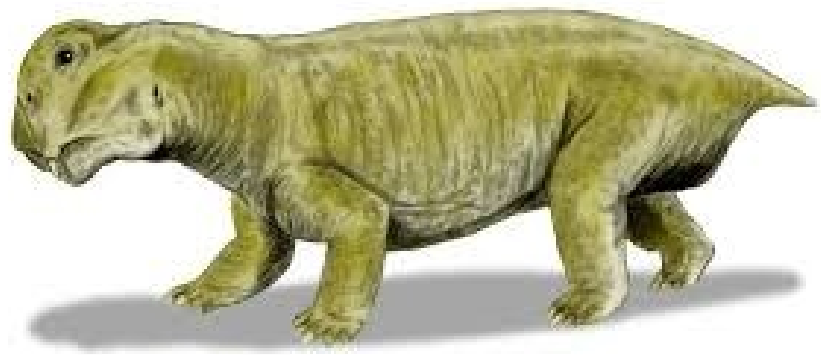


The bear-sized [gorgonopsid](#) *Inostrancevia alexandri* assaulting the ox-sized armoured [pareiasaur](#) herbivore *Scutosaurus karpinski*



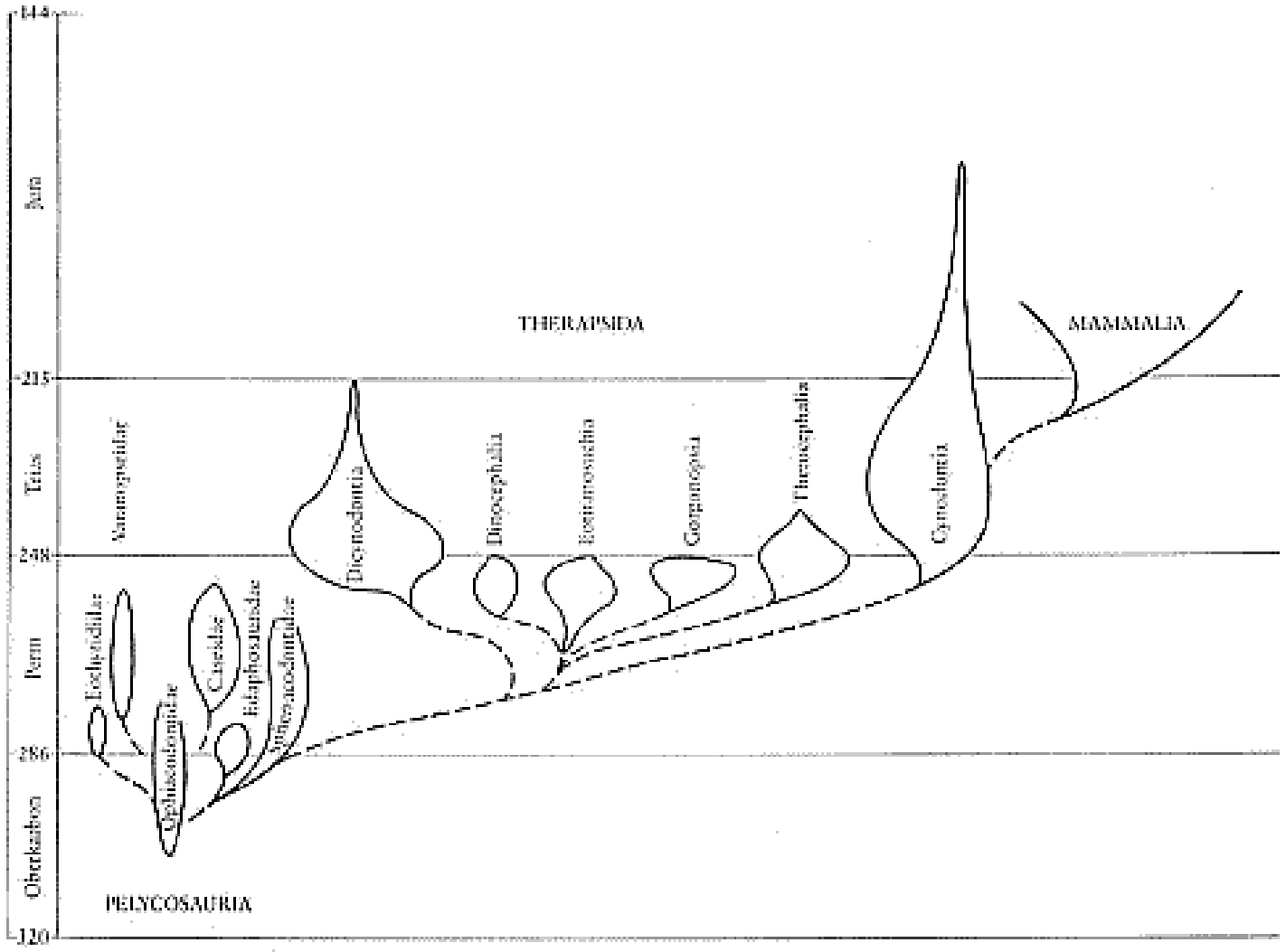


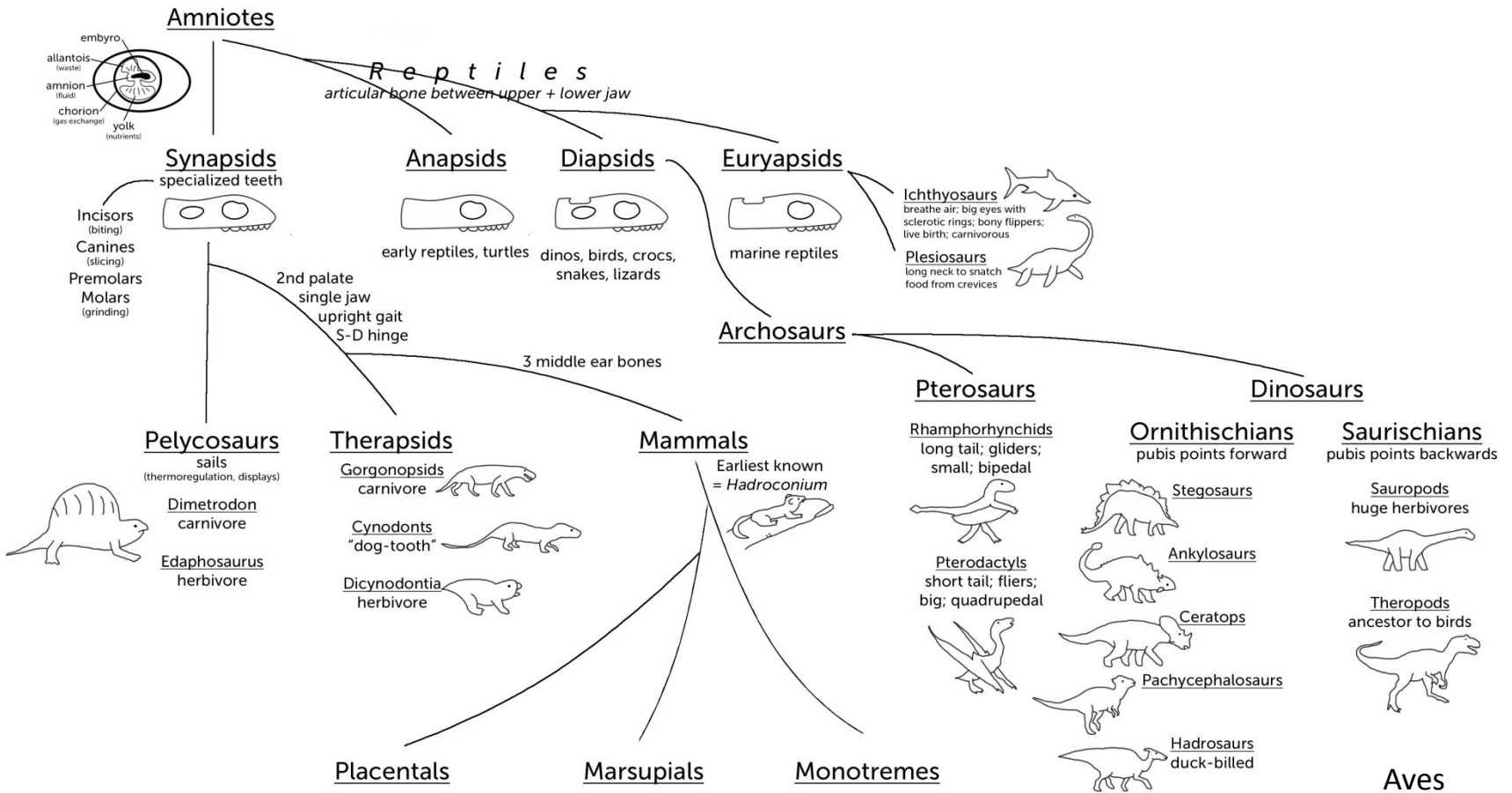
Moschops



Lystrosaurus

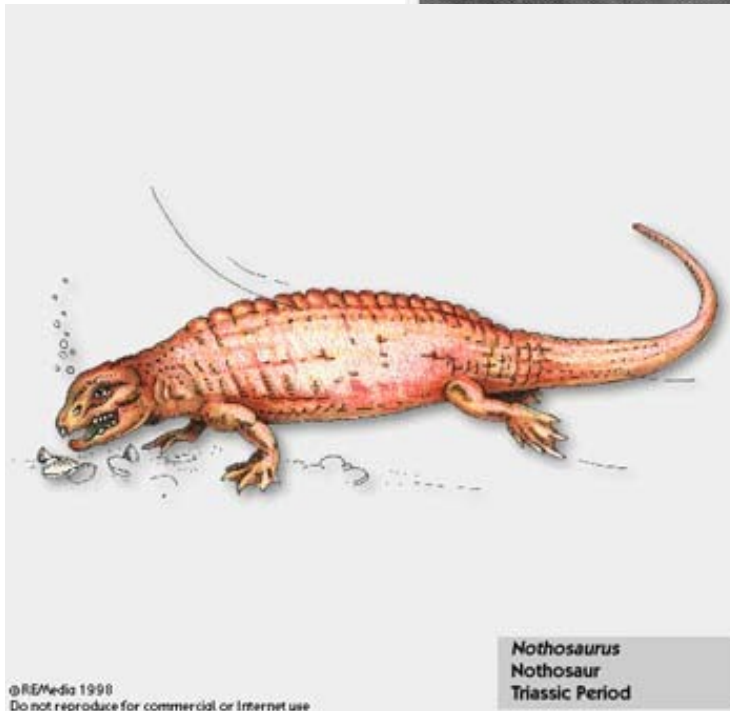
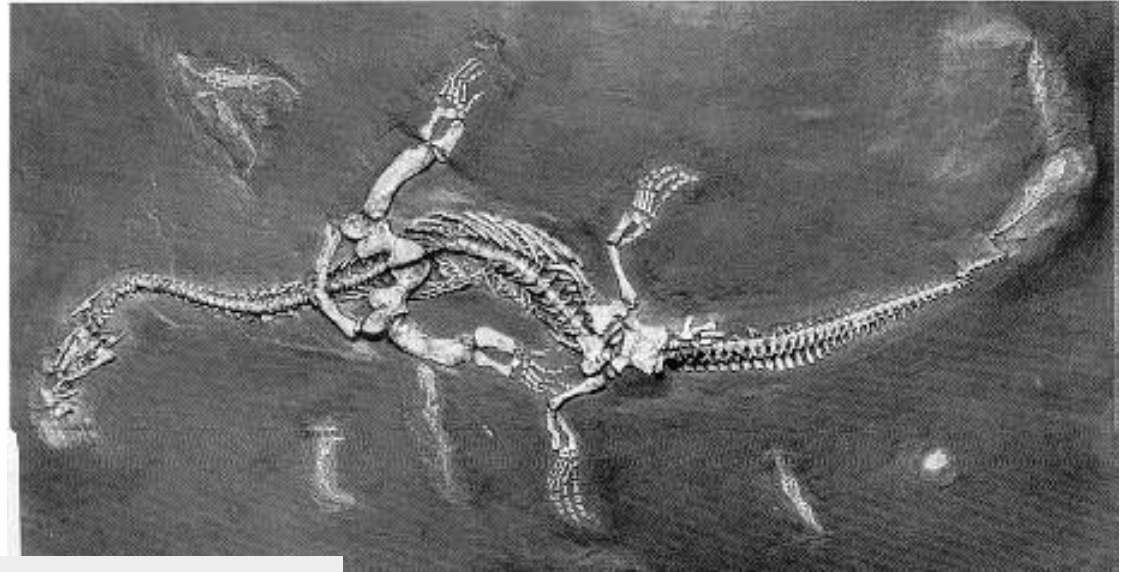




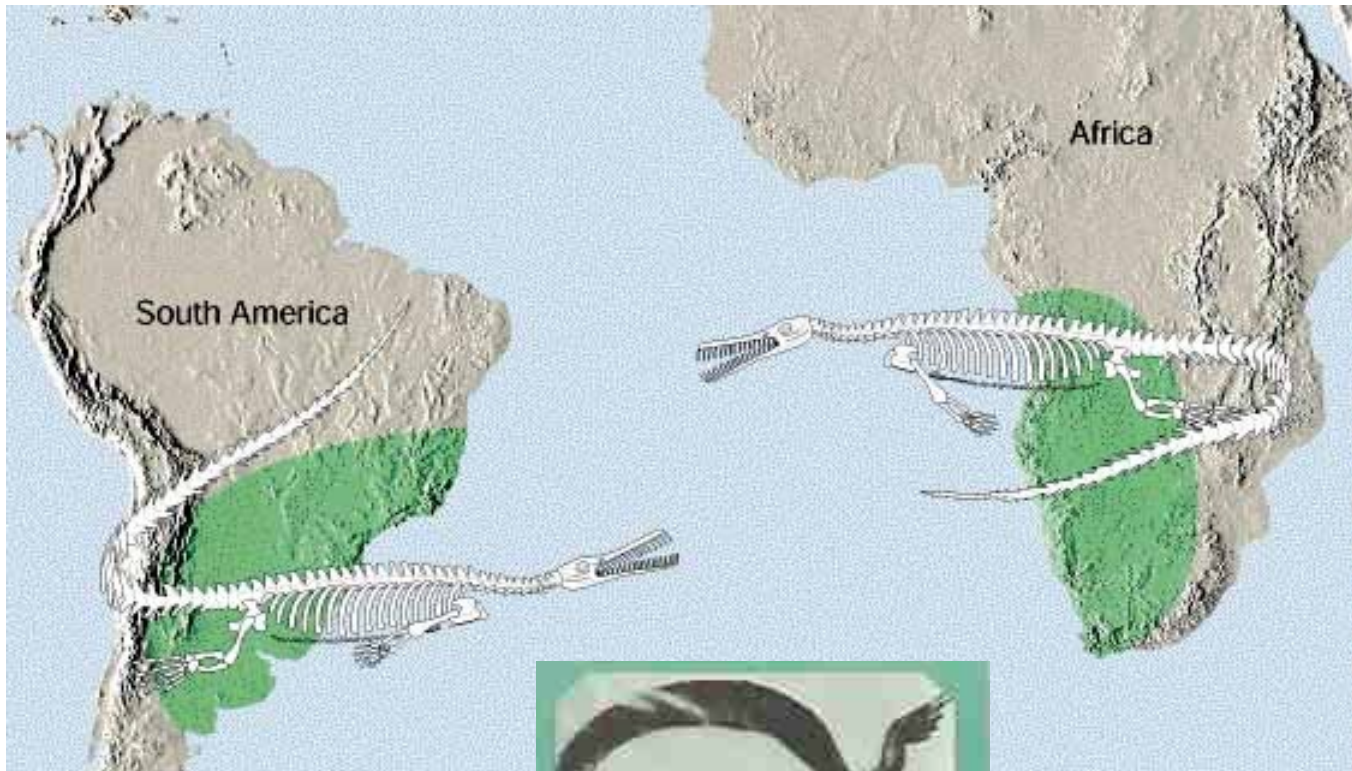


# Euryapsida

Notosaurs -



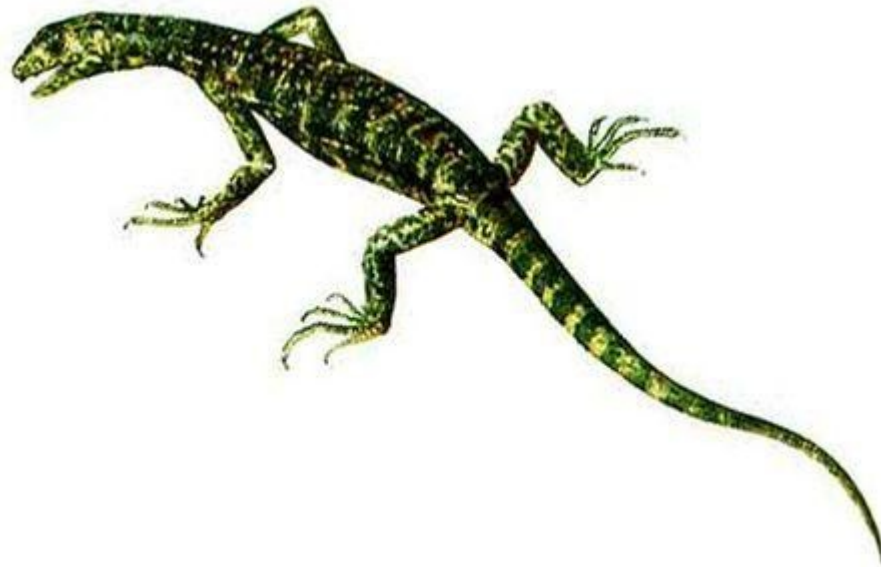




## Diapsida

insectivorous lizard-like diapsid reptiles,

*Petrolacosaurus* was a small, 40-centimetre (16 in) long, reptile, and the earliest diapsid known. It lived during the late Carboniferous period



# Thecodonts

give rise to crocodylians, dinosauria, & pterosaurs

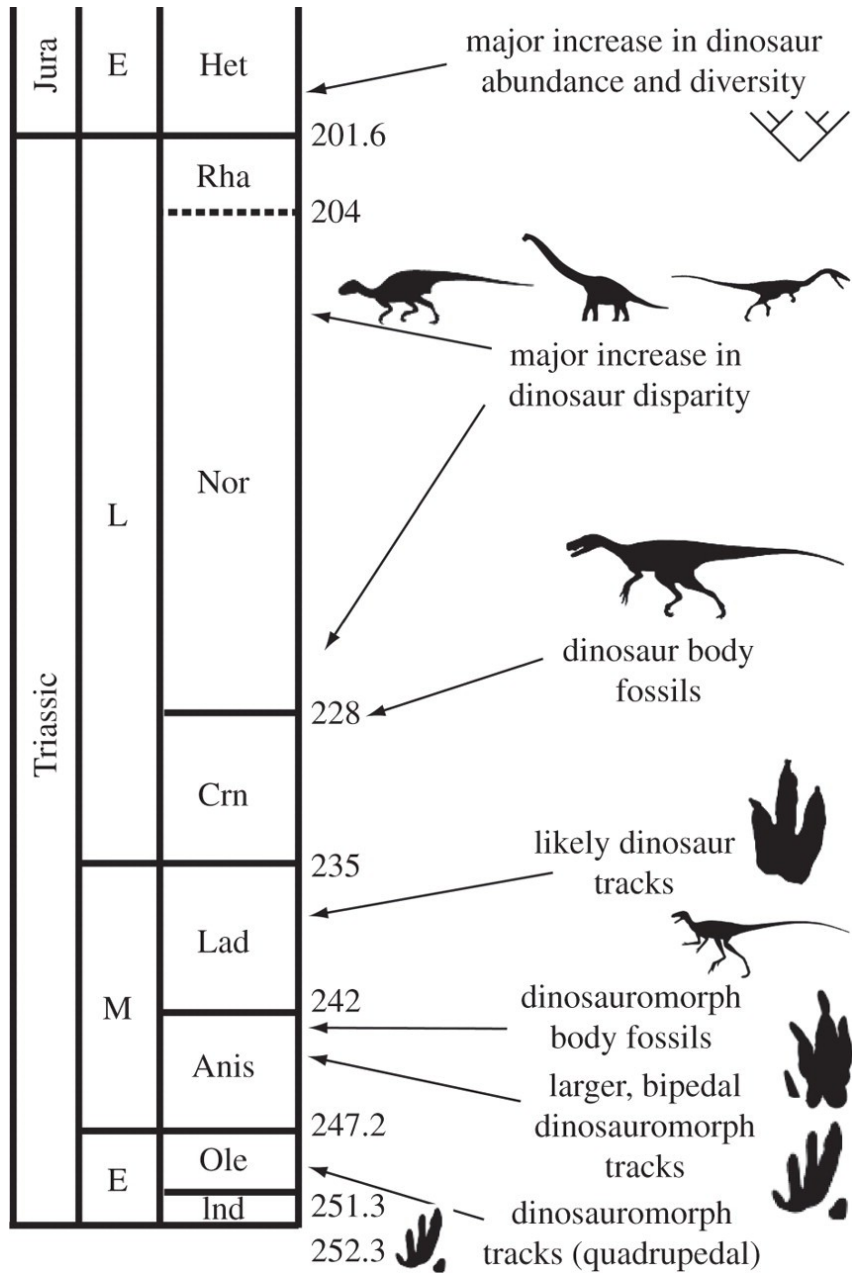
Theropods' ancestors: Known for being smaller, long tails, short forelimbs.

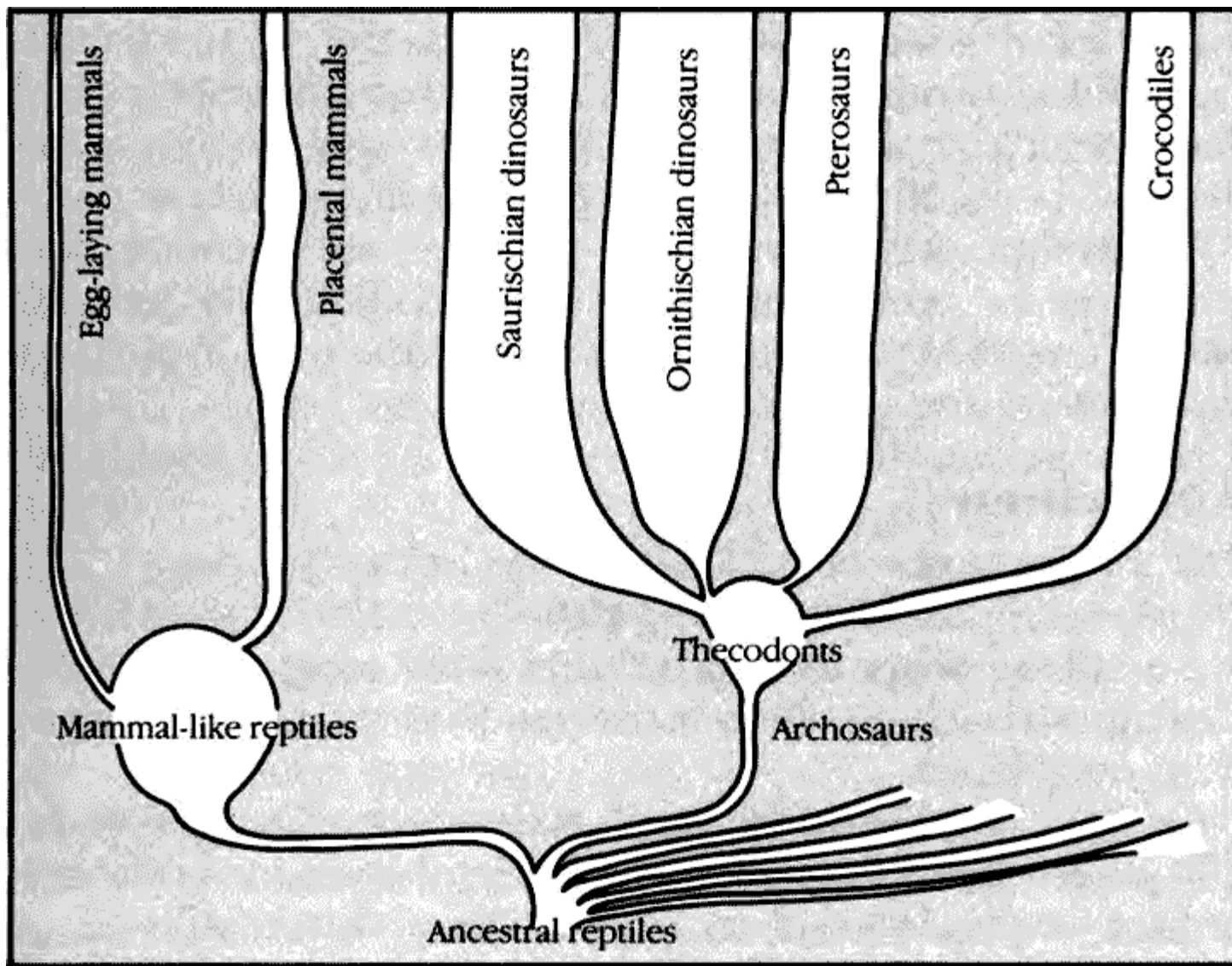
Some scientists hypothesize that this group includes the small, lizard-like, flying reptiles.

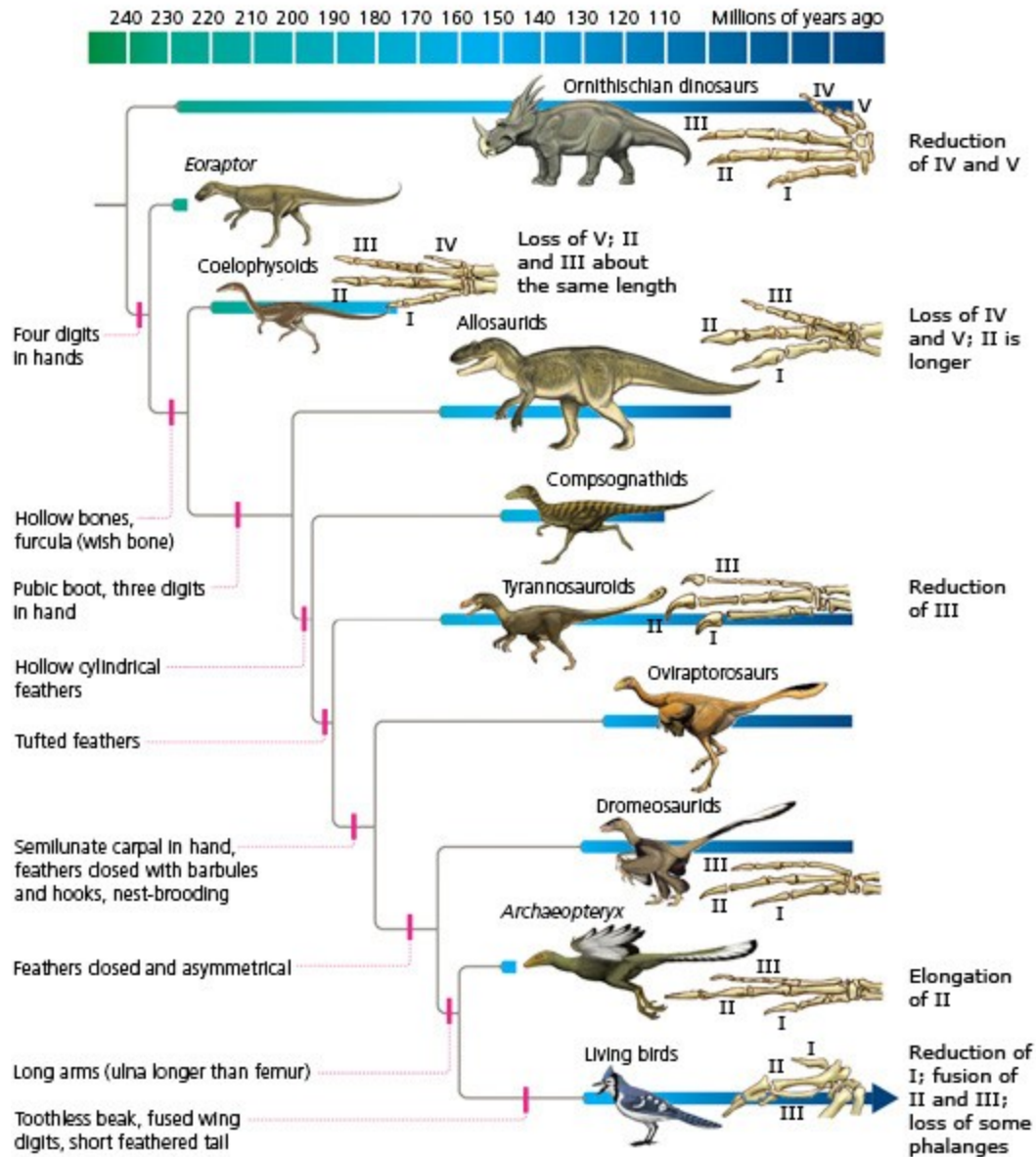
These were around before Theropods.

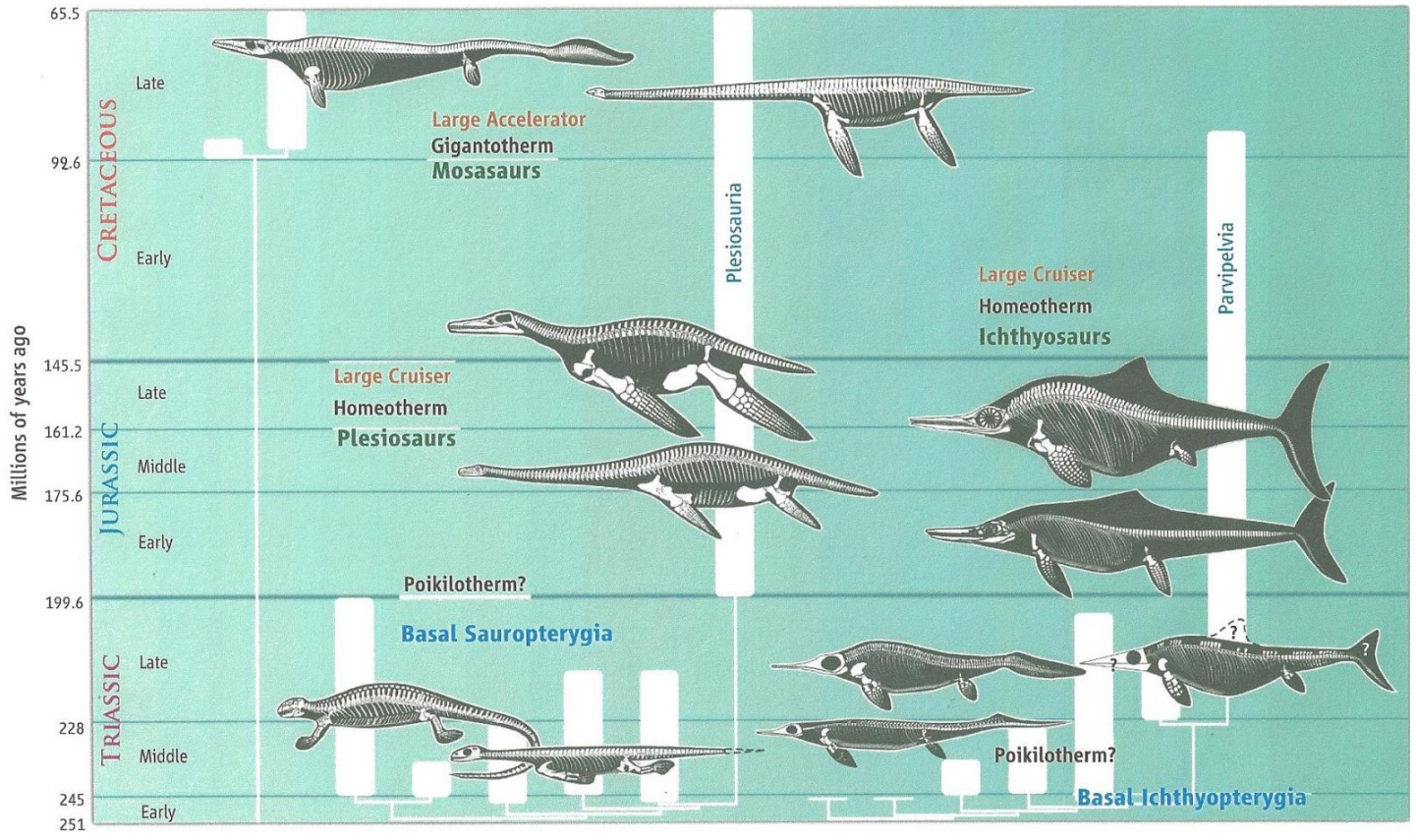




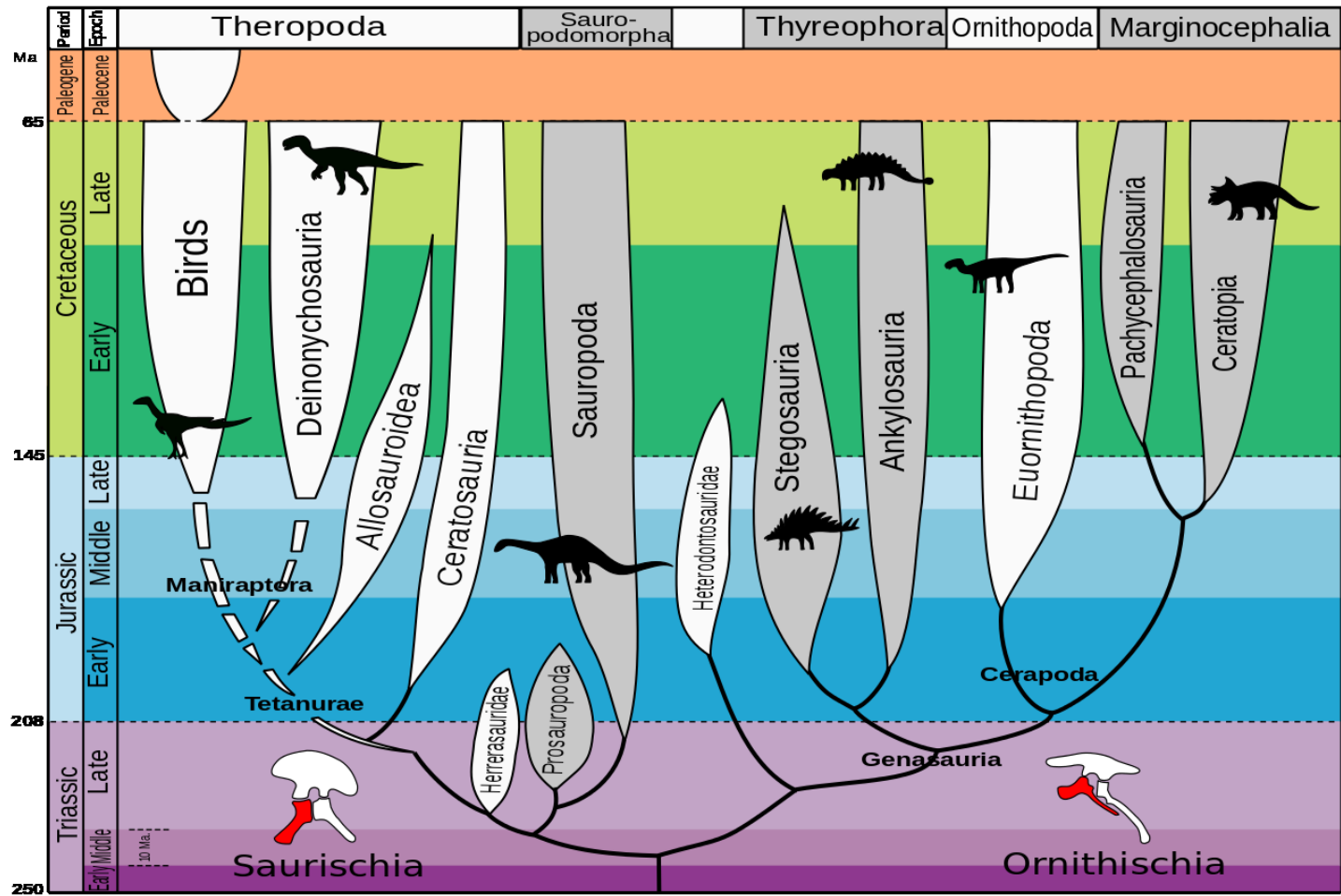




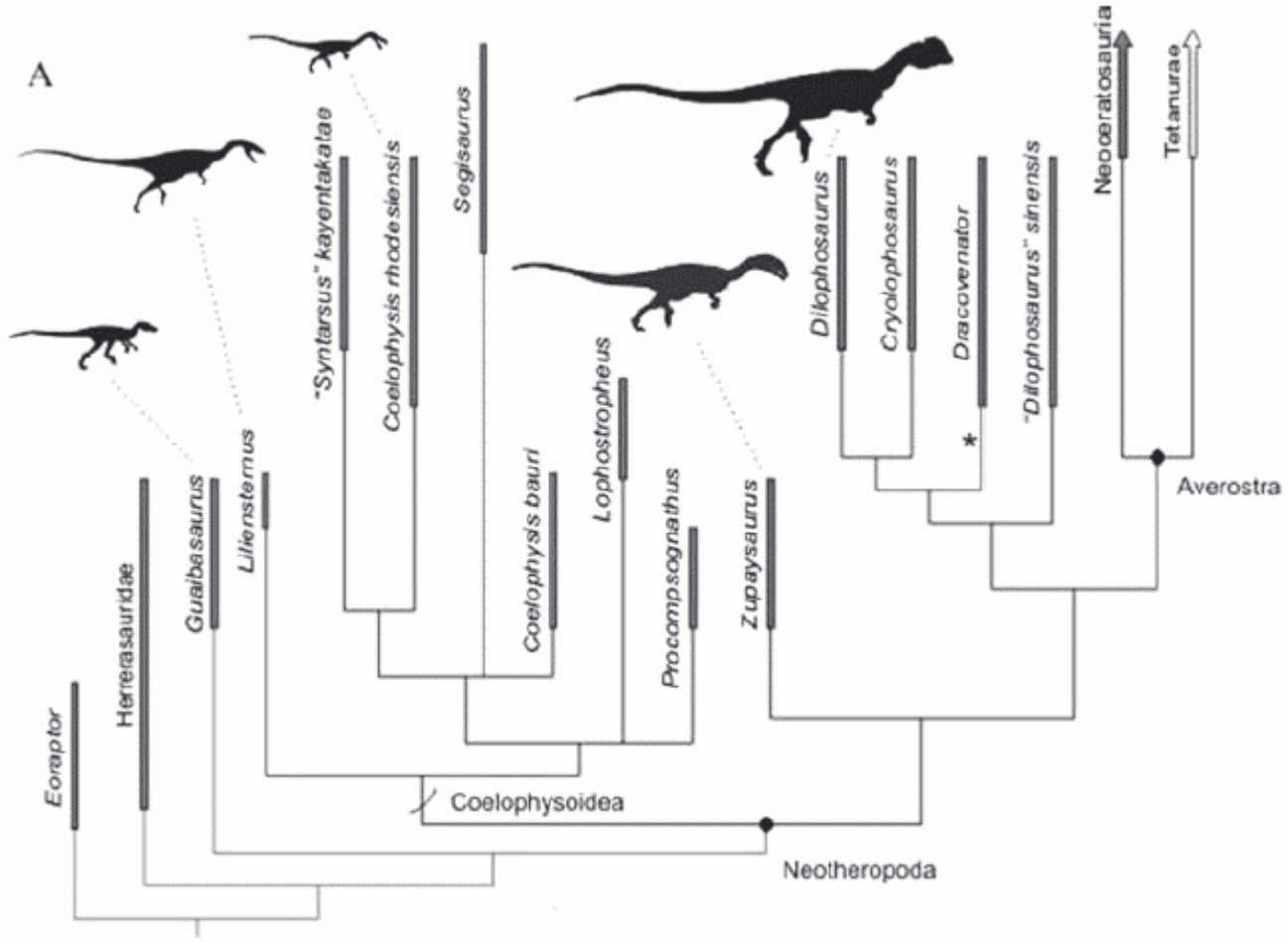


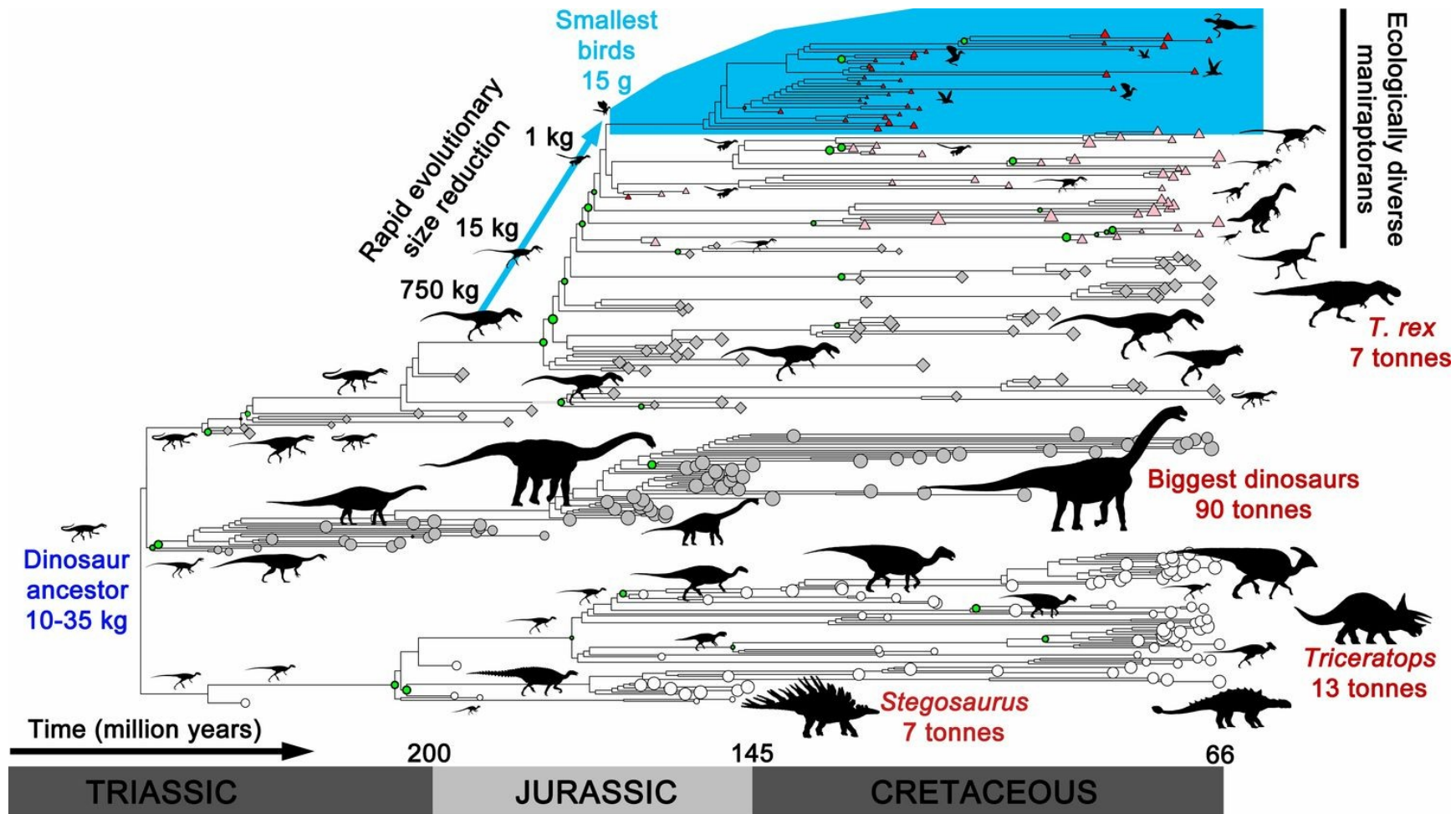


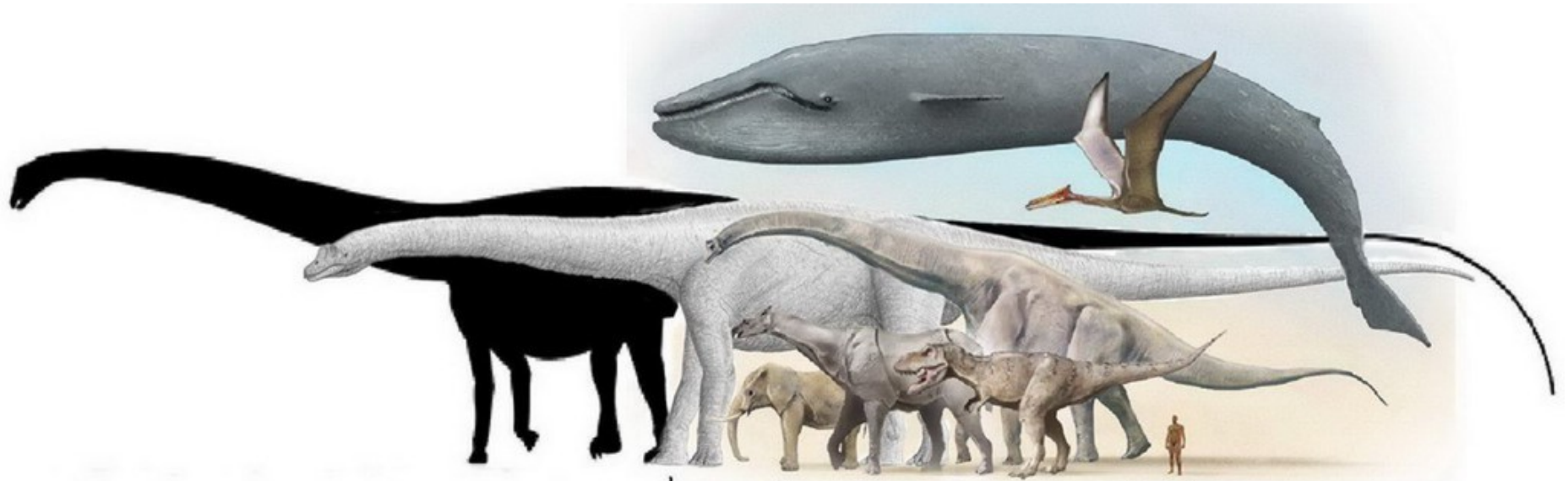




| Late Triassic |        |        | Early Jurassic |        |          |          |
|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Carrián       | Norian | Rhaet. | Hett.          | Sinem. | Pliensb. | Toarcian |







Amphicoelias  
150 million years ago  
58-62 m length  
122-130 tones

Bruhathkayosaurus  
70-65 million years ago  
40-44m length  
200-220 tones

African Elephant  
3 meters height  
6 tones

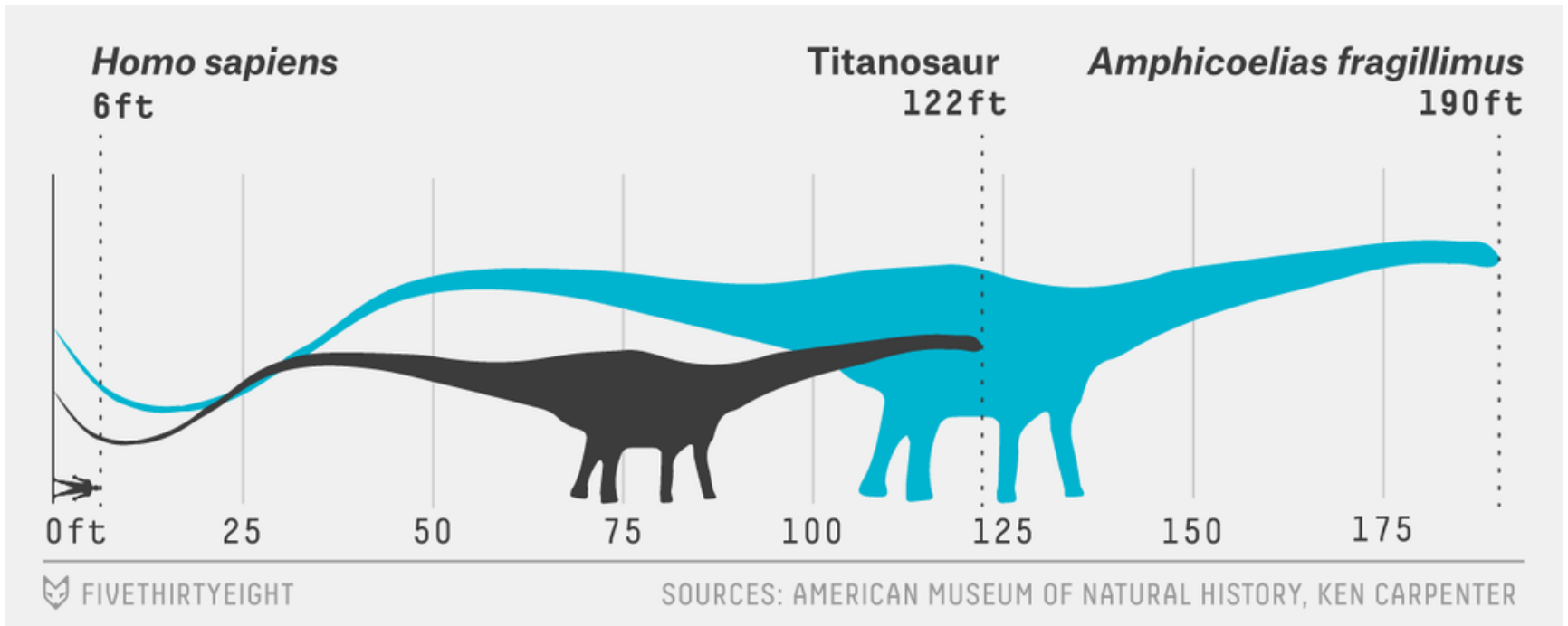
Indricotherium  
37-32 million years ago  
5.2m tall  
8.2m length  
15tones

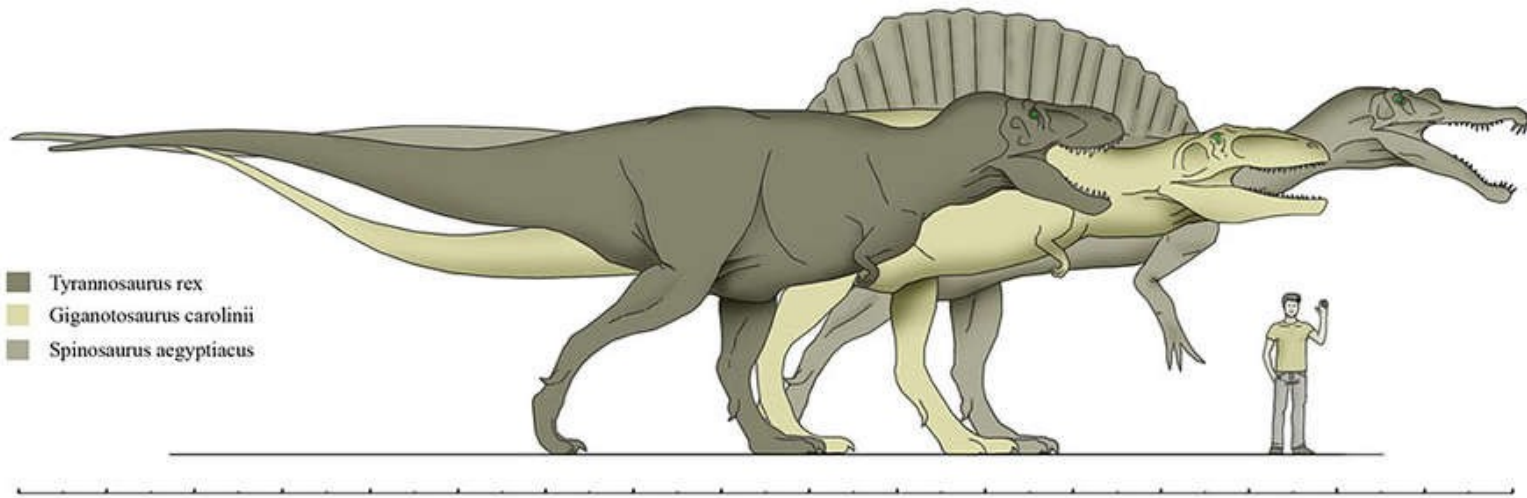
T-rex  
68-65 million years ago  
5-6 tones weight  
13 meters length

Brachiosaurus  
100-110 million years ago  
60-70 tones weight  
13m height  
25m length

Homo Sapiens  
2m hight

Blue Whale  
33.5 m length  
180 tones





- Tyrannosaurus rex
- Gigantosaurus carolinii
- Spinosaurus aegyptiacus