

DINOSAUR FACT SHEET

Euoplocephalus

YOU-o-plo-SEFF-a-lus | Adult and juvenile models are actual size

The babies of these armored herbivores had little to protect them. *Euoplocephalus* juveniles may have been well camouflaged and patterned to blend in with their surroundings, but they likely needed parental protection until their armor developed. The parents by contrast were spectacularly armored and clubbed-tailed with a mass of bony plates fused over their backs. Even their eyes had armored shutters!



Quick Facts:

Length	20 feet
Weight	3 tons
Period	Late Cretaceous
Location	American Northwest

- Name means “well-armored head” because its head was very protected
- Discovered in North America from the Cretaceous period (70-65 million years ago)
- Was a quadruped herbivore with a horny, toothless beak and peg-like cheek teeth
- Had bony horns on its head, large spikes along body, club-like tail, and bony plates embedded in the skin all over the top of the body
- The underbelly was only part of body not protected