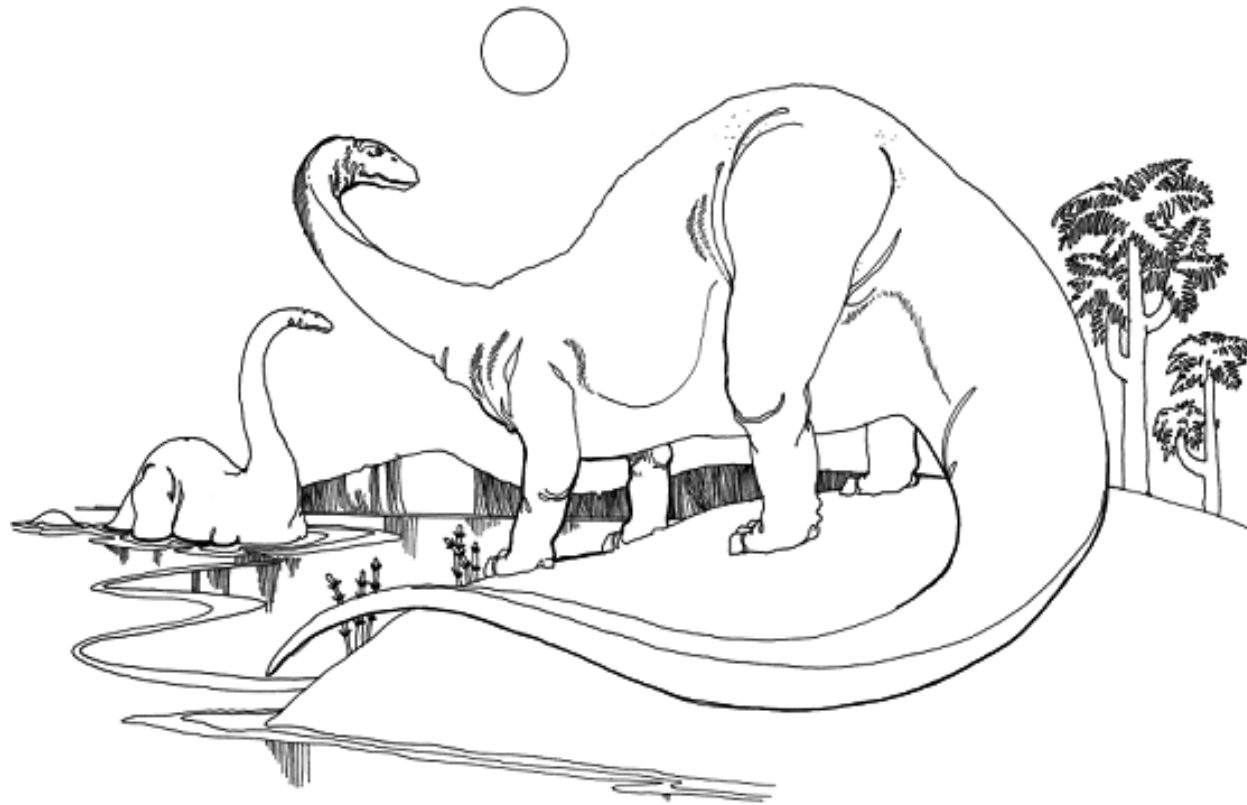


# Apatosaurus (ah-PAT-uh-SAWR-us)



## Apatosaurus Facts

Weight: 66,000 pounds

Height: 30 feet

Length: 75 feet

Neck length: 20 feet

Tail Length: 30 feet

Name: deceptive lizard

### Classification

**Kingdom:** Animalia

**Phylum:** Chordata

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Saurischia

**Suborder:** Sauropoda

**Family:** Diplodocidae

**Genus:** Apatosaurus

**Species:** a. ajax, A. excelsus, A. louisae, A. parvus

The Apatosaurus (formerly known as Brontosaurus) was a large sauropod that lived in the western United States during the Late Jurassic period.

Apatosaurus had a long neck, a small head, and a long tail. The trunk of the apatosaurus was supported by large legs, with the front legs being shorter than the back legs.

It is thought that this slow moving dinosaur traveled in herds

and spent most of their time on dry land. Apatosaurus was a herbivore (plant eater) which probably fed on tree leaves and shoots. They would have had to spend almost the entire day eating in order to get enough food to grow and survive.

The long, whip-like tail and the ability of an apatosaurus to stand on its hind legs were probably its best defense against possible attackers.