

# Triceratops (TRI-sair-ah-tops)



## Triceratops Facts

Weight: 6 – 12 tons

Height: 10 feet

Length: 30 feet

Name: three-horned face

Habitat: Western Canada and  
Western United States

### Classification

**Kingdom:** Animalia

**Phylum:** Chordata

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Ornithischia

**Suborder:** Marginocephalia

**Family:** Ceratopsidae

**Genus:** Triceratops

**Species:** T. horridus, T. prorsus

Triceratops was one of the largest ceratopian dinosaurs and one of the last to evolve.

Triceratops walked on four legs and had a head about one-third the size of its body. Triceratops had three horns on its face, and a large bony frill projecting from the back of its skull. It is thought that when threatened, the triceratops charged its enemy with its strong head and sharp horns.

Triceratops was a herbivore with a sharp, hooked beak used for slicing off leaves and twigs. The powerful jaws of the triceratops were lined with rows of very sharp teeth which could easily chew up the tough, woody plants it most likely fed upon.

It is generally accepted that the triceratops traveled in herds and raised their young in the herd.