



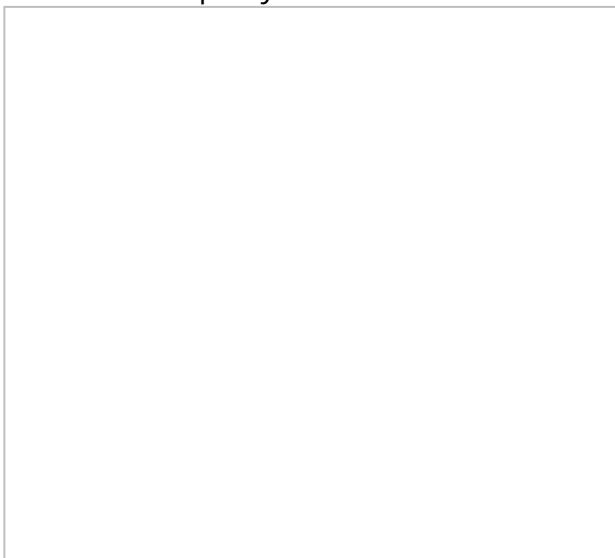
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## Vespersaurus paranaensis

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- The researchers have found the fossil of a previously unknown dinosaur species named *Vespersaurus paranaensis*, that lived 90 million years ago in the **Cruzeiro do Oeste** municipality of **Parana state** in **southern Brazil**.



- The fossil remains of the *Vespersaurus paranaensis* is over a metre and a half in length. It was a **desert-based carnivorous dinosaur** that used claws to capture small prey in the region.
- The *Vespersaurus* was a theropod, a group of two-footed, meat-eating dinosaurs that included the better known **Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor**.

The northeastern region of Parana was once a desert and the dinosaur's remains suggest that the *Vespersaurus* was well adapted to that type of climate.