



## *Brontosaurus (Thunder Lizard)*

Also known as *Apatosaurus*, the *Brontosaurus* was the largest dinosaur to walk on all four legs. "Thunder Lizard" name was given to them because when *Brontosauruses* walked, the earth shook like thunder with each step.

**Description:** The *Brontosaurus* is the largest dinosaur yet found. The legs of *Brontosaurus* weighed 570 pounds each because it needed strong legs to hold up its massive body. The neck and tail made up a good deal of its length. Its tail acted as a defence mechanism against intruders. This dinosaur was pretty smart despite the fact its small brain weighed less than one pound. The *Brontosaurus* had 26 teeth on its top jaw and 26 on the bottom for a total of 52 teeth.

**Size:** The *Brontosaurus* was about 69 feet long (twice as long as a regular classroom) and weighed 80 000 pounds which is more than the weight of 10 full grown elephants.

**Period:** Middle to late Jurassic period, about 156-145 million years ago.

**Habitat:** United-States. The discovery of the first *Brontosaurus* fossils was found in Wyoming, Montana and Rocky Mountains of North America. They lived in deep waters of lakes, ponds and rivers.

**Diet:** The *Brontosaurus* was an herbivore (plant eater). This large animal fed on ferns and conifers.

