

Jurassic Period – 206-144 million years ago

BRACHIOSAURUS

(BRAK-ee-oh-SAW-rus)



Brachiosaurus was one of the largest dinosaurs to roam the earth. It had a very long neck, which it used when eating the leaves of tall trees. It grew up to 50 feet tall and 85 feet long. It weighed up to 88 tons (176,000 pounds)! Its long neck may make us think of a giraffe, but *Brachiosaurus* was actually over 3 times larger.

Scientists believe that *Brachiosaurus* probably traveled in a **herd** (a **herd** is a group of animals). The **herd** probably migrated when they ran out of plants to eat. Like modern-day reptiles, *Brachiosaurus* hatched from eggs. Scientists guess that they may have lived to be up to 100 years old! Because *Brachiosaurus* was so huge, it probably didn't have to worry about **predators**. If a predator started to bother it, *Brachiosaurus* could whip the predator away with its large tail.