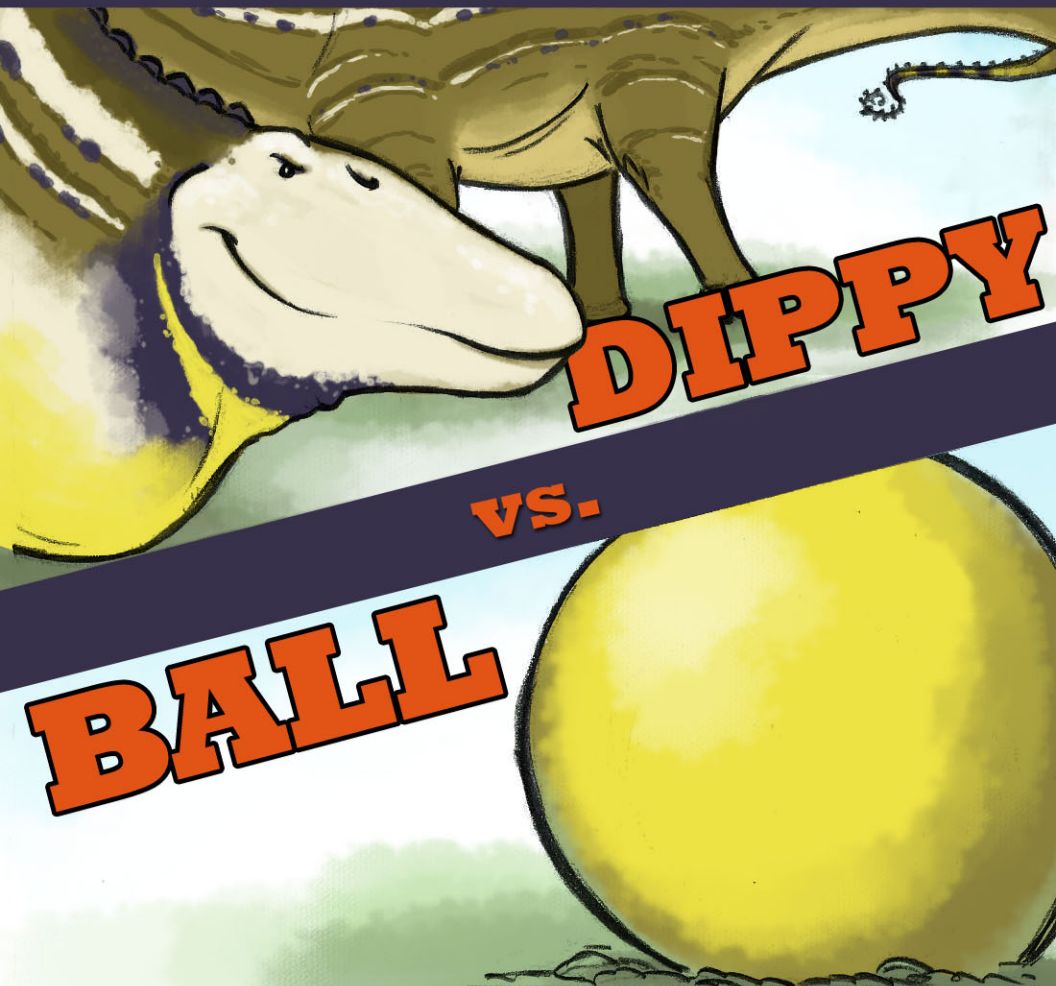


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# **DIPPY vs. BALL**

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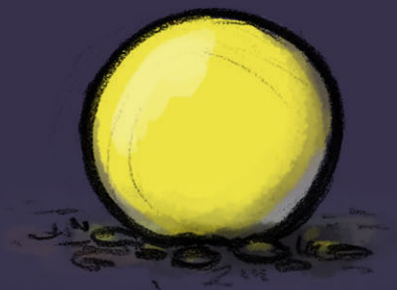
To Joey, who made sure I colored in all the balls.

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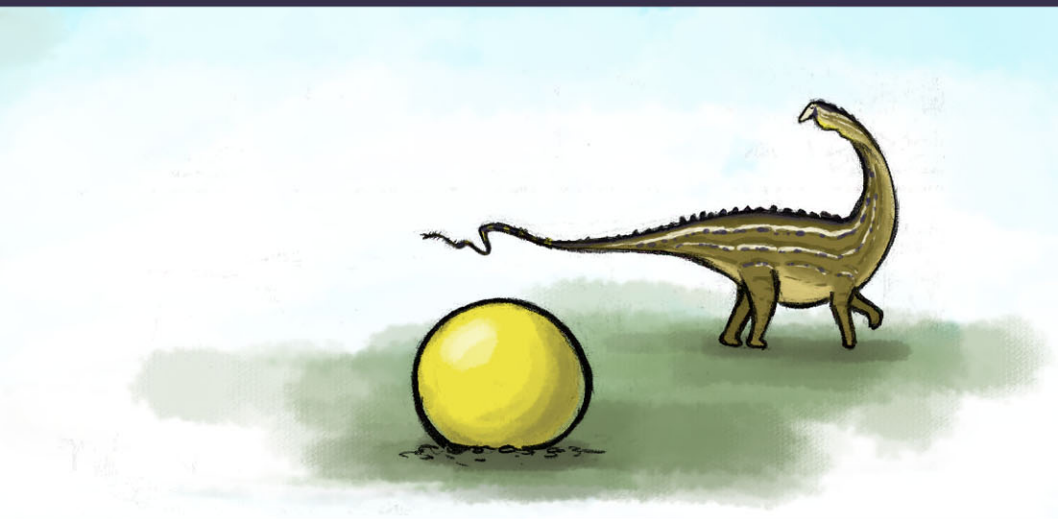
To my little Budgie, who helped me make sure  
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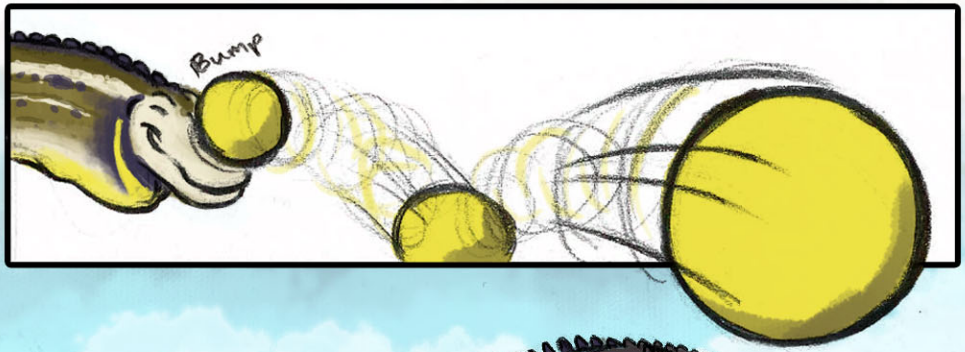
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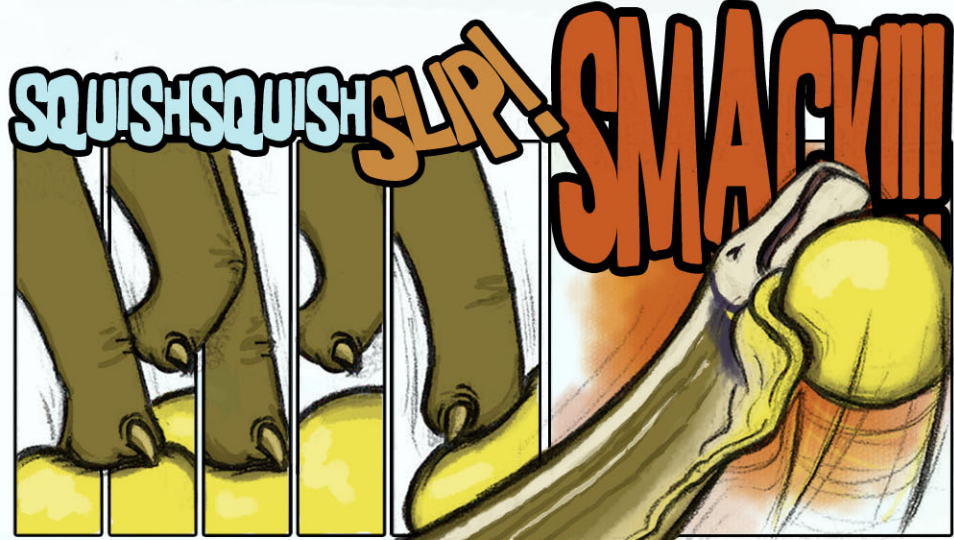
And to little Sammysaurus, who woke up early  
from his nap every day to help me.

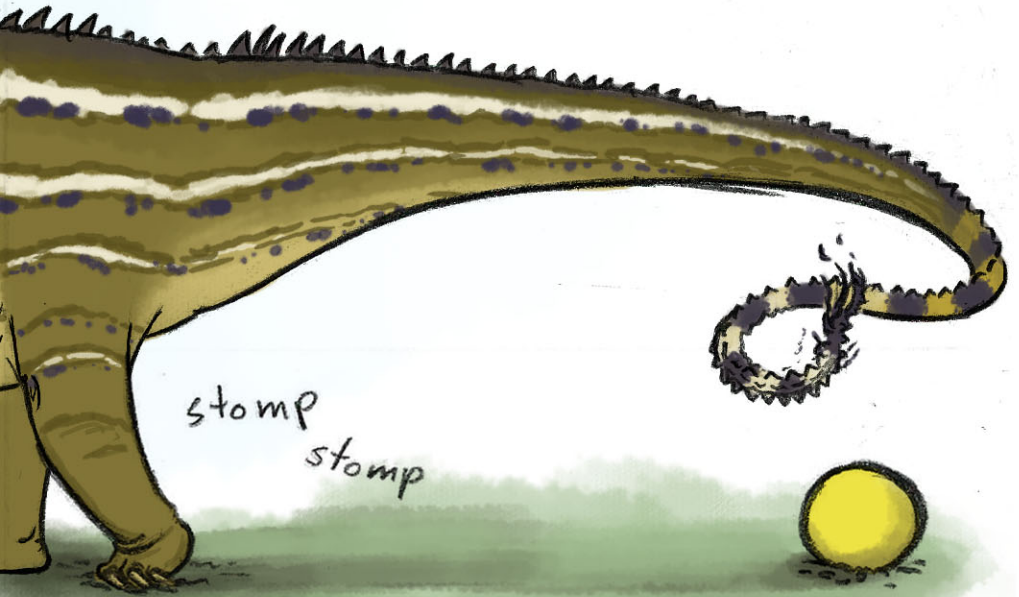
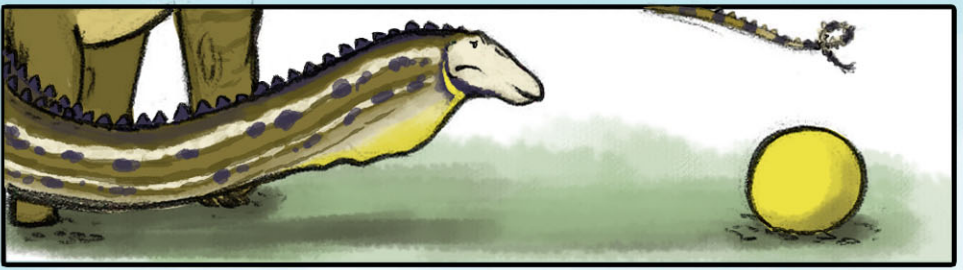


# DIPPY vs. BALL









Dippy	Ball
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## **Meet Dippy**

**Species:** *Diplodocus domesticus*  
(dip-low-doh-kus doh-mess-tick-us)

**Wild Cousin:** *Diplodocus longus*

**Care Level:** A challenge. So you might want to start with something easier, like an elephant.



# Behind the Story

Even though the story is illustrated in a simple style, there's a lot of research going on behind the scenes. I'm no expert, but you'd be amazed how much information is available if you know where to look (and have the patience & interest to read technical jargon).

So if you want to know the science behind Dippy and his prehistoric friends, take a quick peak over at **paleopetshop.com**

Thank you for buying this book and spending a little time with me at the Paleo Petshop, I would love to give you a set of **free printable character cards!** They have all sorts of fun facts about Dippy and his prehistoric friends.



You can get them at **paleopetshop.com/thank-you**

# Jurassic Garden

Here are some of the plants you might see in Dippy's back yard. All the plants pictured here are based off of plants still alive today, but during the Jurassic there was even *more* diversity in size, shape, and habitat.

## *Araucaria & Conifers*

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## *Ferns & Ginkgoes*

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You won't find any grass or flowers in Dippy's garden. You'll have to wait to meet Triceratops and T-rex before you see anything like that, at the end of the Dinosaur Age. But that doesn't mean there's nothing but green to be seen!

Cycads and conifers have cones instead of fruits to hold their seeds. Just like fruits, some cones can be colorful and sweet smelling to encourage certain critters (like dinos) to come eat them and help spread seeds.

## *Cycads*

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## *Horsetails*

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# Jurassic Neighbors

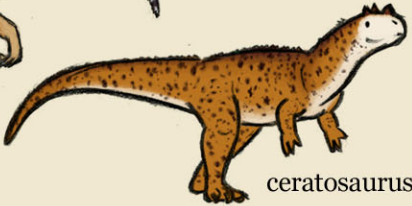
Here are a few of Dippy's many neighbors. They represent a few of the major families hanging around the neighborhood. Stegosaurus, for example, has about three cousins in the area.

## *Theropods (Two-legged carnivores)*

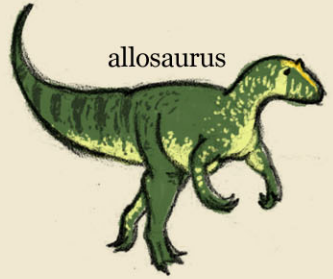
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ornitholestes



ceratosaurus



allosaurus

## *Sauropods (Long-necked land giants)*

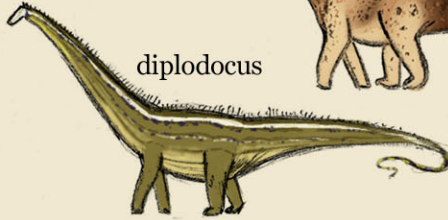
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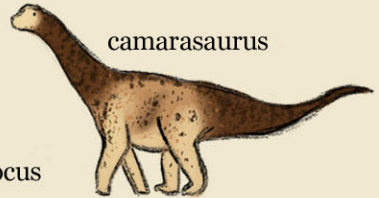
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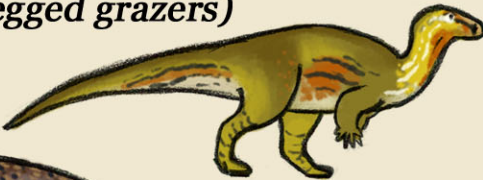
camarasaurus

## *Ornithopods*

*(Two-legged grazers)*



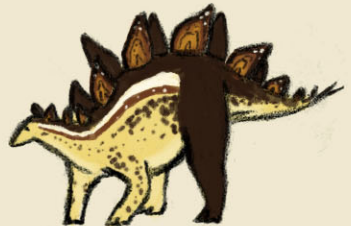
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## *Thyreophora*

*(Armored dinos)*

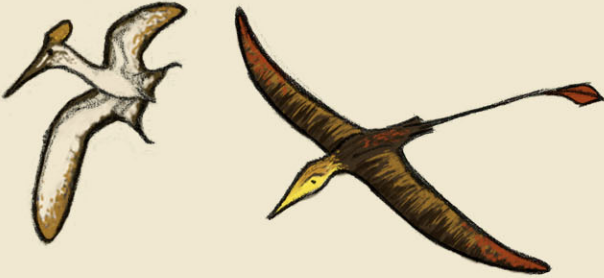


stegosaurus

Dippy has many friends and neighbors, and most of them are not dinosaurs! There are turtles, fish, crocs, flying reptiles, and even small mouse-like creatures...

***Pterosaurs***

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***Fish***

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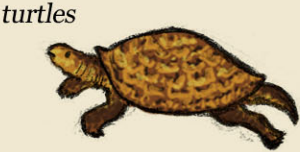
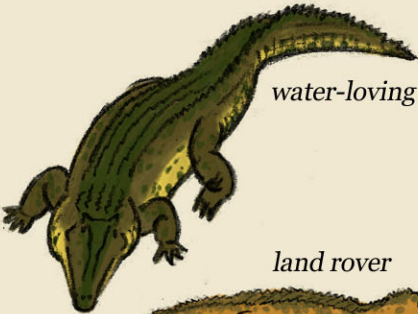


***Croc Cousins***

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***Small, Common Critters***

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Let's take a walk around the block and see who's in the neighborhood.

Dippy lives in Jurassic North America. It looks a little different from what we're used to seeing on a map.



The world was a warmer and wetter place 150 million years ago, so Dippy doesn't really know what snow is. The hot, wet months are very, very wet. The rivers flood, and there are little lakes and swamps everywhere. But when it's dry, it's very, very dry, and only the biggest rivers still have water.







Hi, I'm Patricia- storyteller, artist, and full time mommy of three curious youngsters. Blissfully married out in the Texas hill country, we have all sorts of adventures with chickens, horses, a dog, a cat... plus there're the cattle, sheep, and llama across the road. Not to mention all the wild critters that pass through our yard... There were even a couple of peacocks once.

Add to that my childhood fantasy of someday owning a pet dinosaur (because come on, who hasn't?), and I have everything I need to come up with all sorts of silly stories.

If I can sneak in a little real science in there while you have a chuckle or two, well that's just gravy.

*Patricia Bjard*