

# Kid Scoop

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## Tiny T-Rex Cousin



### What is the T-Rex called?

This much smaller T-Rex is called Suskityrannus.

Suski comes from the Zuni Native American word for “coyote” and the Latin word “tyrannus” which means **king**. Combined, the name would be “Coyote King.” Do you think this is a good name?

### Where was this fossil found?

The fossil for the Suskityrannus was found by Sterling Nesbitt when he was just 16 years old! He was on a school dig trip in the Zuni Basin of western New Mexico.

That was 20 years ago. At first, scientists thought the fossil Nesbitt discovered was a velociraptor. New research has determined that is actually a cousin of the T-Rex — which is the news!

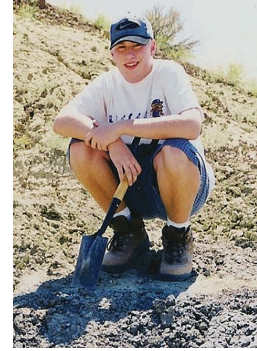
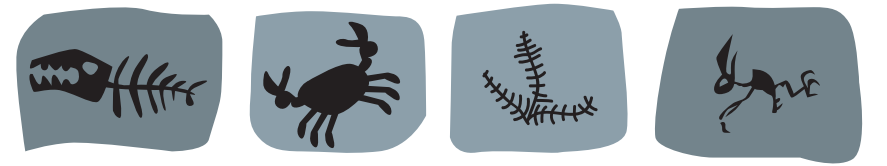


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### Are you an eagle-eyed paleontologist?

When paleontologists go on a dig to find fossilized dinosaur bones, they have to be very observant. What looks like a small stick, might actually be a dinosaur bone! As they dig, they don't want to dig too fast or they might break a buried bone. It takes being an eagle-eyed paleontologist to do it right.

Use your eagle-eyes! Find and circle the fossils below buried in the layers of rock and sediment at right.



How many bones can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most bones?

### How big was the Suskityrannus?

It was about 3 feet tall and 9 feet long from nose to tail.



I am:  taller  shorter than the Suskityrannus.

The Suskityrannus weighed between 45 to 90 pounds. This is way less than the T-Rex which weighed around 9 tons!



Extra! Extra!

### Observation Game

Look at a photograph in today's newspaper for 15 seconds. Observe as many details as you can. Cover the picture and write down the details you remember. How many did you get?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**BLAST FROM THE PAST:** Paleontologists in Nebraska discovered the remains of mammals that were more than 11 million years old. These animals had died at a watering hole following a massive volcanic eruption in what is now the state of Idaho.

Color each odd-numbered square red and each even-numbered square yellow to find out how many miles from the volcano the Nebraska fossil site is located.

5	7	3	1	5	7	9	7	3	9	7	5	1	3	3
7	4	5	8	4	2	5	4	8	2	7	2	8	4	7
1	6	7	2	9	8	9	2	3	6	5	4	5	6	1
7	2	1	4	7	6	7	4	7	2	3	8	9	2	7
9	8	7	2	6	4	1	8	4	8	7	4	2	8	1
7	5	7	3	5	7	3	7	5	7	9	7	3	9	5

Standards Link: Life Science: Some kinds of animals that once lived on Earth have disappeared and some resemble others that are alive today.

### Double Double Word Search

- OBSERVANT
- CAREFULLY
- DINOSAUR
- TYRANNUS
- DETAIL
- FOSSIL
- COYOTE
- BONES
- EAGLE
- SUSKI
- LATIN
- KING
- FAST
- DIG
- BIG

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

T	N	A	V	R	E	S	B	O	R	Y
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Front Page Leads

Read the first paragraph of an article on the front page. Label the who, what, when and where of this news. Then write a lead paragraph about the discovery of the Suskityrannus.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops a plot and setting and an appropriate point of view.



What should you do if you find a blue dinosaur?

ANSWER: Try to cheer him up!

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