

# **Utahraptor**

Means "Utah's predator"
Scientific name: Utahraptor ostrommaysorum

#### **Period:**

Early Cretaceous (~126 Ma - {Mega annum, or million years ago})

#### **Diet:**

Carnivore (meat eater)

## **Current day location found:**

North America

### More information:

- One of the largest members of the Dromeosauridae family
- Deinonychus and the even smaller velociraptor belonged to this family
- Scientists believe this family of dinosaurs are very closely related to modern birds
- Fossil evidence shows that they were covered in a primitive feather like covering

- Had a very impressive claw on each foot that curved up from their second toe
- The claw reached up to an estimated length of 24cm (9 in)
- Estimated length of up to 7 m (23 ft)
- Estimated weight up to 500 kg (1100 lbs) (about the same as a polar bear)