



# Mapusaurus

Means "earth lizard"

Scientific name: *Mapusaurus roseae*

## Period:

Late Cretaceous (~ 95 Ma -  
{Mega annum, or million years ago})

## Diet:

Carnivore (meat eater)

## Current day location found:

Argentina, South America

## More information:

- Named after the Mapuche, a group of people indigenous to Chile and Argentina
- The word 'Mapu' means 'of the land' or 'of the earth'
- Fossils found with at least 7 individuals in different stages of growth
- This suggest that it may have been a predator trap
- A predator trap occurs when a natural hazard captures some sort of prey animal
- This attracts predators, who also become caught
- Often this cycle repeats over and over
- Such traps can end up being good sources of fossils if the conditions are right, such as in natural tar pits
- A massive predator
- Length up to 10.2 m (33 ft)
- Estimated weight 3 tonnes (about the same as 4 ½ dairy cows)

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