

Of interest . . .

Beipiaosaurus ((Bay-pee-ow-sore-us))

The dinosaur is called Beipiaosaurus (Bay-pee-ow-sore-us) and comes from Liaoning in China. I believe it is around 80 million years old. At over eight feet (2.5 meters) it is the largest feathered dinosaur discovered to date, although it is believed that larger ones existed. One of the more interesting things about it from a scientific point of view is that its tail is halfway between a dinosaur's and a bird's. It has a reduced number of sacral vertebrae and ends in a pygostyle which is the bone from which the tail feathers are based in modern birds.

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Edie received these photos of a prehistoric bird that was recreated by a paleontologist. He used e3 emu feathers for a large portion of the reconstruction of the bird as the feathers were the closest match to records.

