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It is thought that due to its relative brain to body weight, the Allosaurus was quite an intelligent species, especially when compared to some of the larger dinosaurs.

Allosaurus

meaning
"Different Lizard"

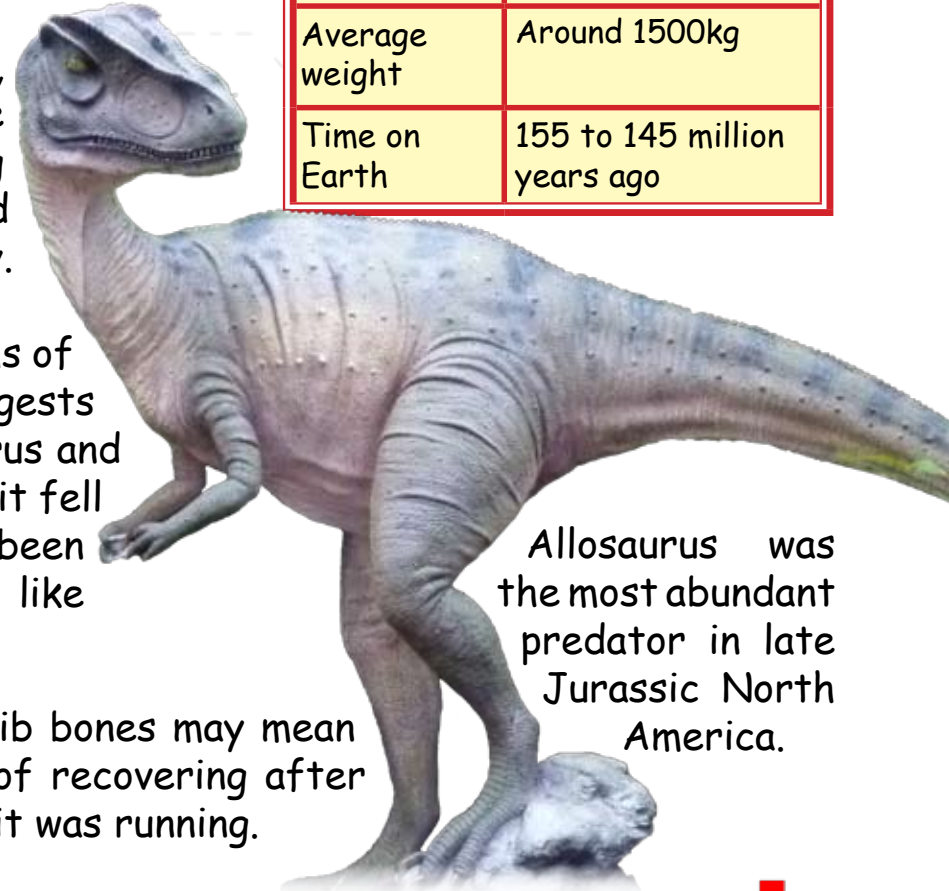
FACTS & FIGURES	
Diet	Carnivore
Average body length	Head to tail: 8-9m, (possibly 12m)
Average weight	Around 1500kg
Time on Earth	155 to 145 million years ago

Allosaurus was at the top of the food chain, probably preying on contemporaneous large herbivorous like Stegosaurids, and young sauropods. When hunting in groups it would have been able to tackle much larger prey.

Compared to similar species the front arms of an Allosaurus are quite long. One theory suggests that short armed Theropods, like Allosaurus and T-Rex, would be unable to break it's fall if it fell forward when running, so they may not have been particularly fast moving creatures as a fall like onto their chest could be fatal.

Fossil x-rays showing healed fractures of rib bones may mean that the Allosaurus at least was capable of recovering after severe falls that probably occurred while it was running.

The upper age limit for Allosaurus is estimated to be between 22 and 28 years. It would have been full grown by age 15.



Allosaurus was the most abundant predator in late Jurassic North America.



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This is a scaled down model.