



**LINTON ZOO**

The large bony plate projecting from the back of its skull is called it's 'Frill'. One theory suggests that this was integrated with a complex series of veins which may mean that either when frightened or maybe as part of a mating ritual it could constrict the openings of the veins making the frill fill with blood turning it a bright red.

It had a large skull, up to 3m long, one of the largest skulls of any land animal ever discovered. Its head was nearly one-third as long as its body.

It had a parrot-like beak which it would use to eat Cycads and other low-lying plants.

Triceratops were one of the last dinosaur genera to appear before the great extinction event.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
This is not a full size model.

# Triceratops

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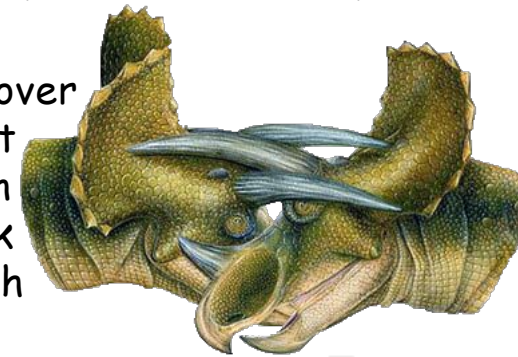
"Three Horned Head "

There are many different theories about the true purpose of the frill, whether it was for display, defense or both, it may be that its true function is never known.

Its four short legs probably meant it was a relatively slow dinosaur, especially compared to the Tyrannosaurus Rex, which would have preyed upon the Triceratops.

When fighting over females it is thought that rather than stabbing an opponent they would lock horns and try to barge each other away.

FACTS & FIGURES	
Diet	Herbivore
Average body length	Head to tail: 8-9m. Height: 3m tall.
Average weight	6,000 kg
Time on Earth	68-65 million years ago



International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Triceratops

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NEAR THREATENED
VULNERABLE
ENDANGERED
CRITICALLY ENDANGERED
EXTINCT IN THE WILD
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