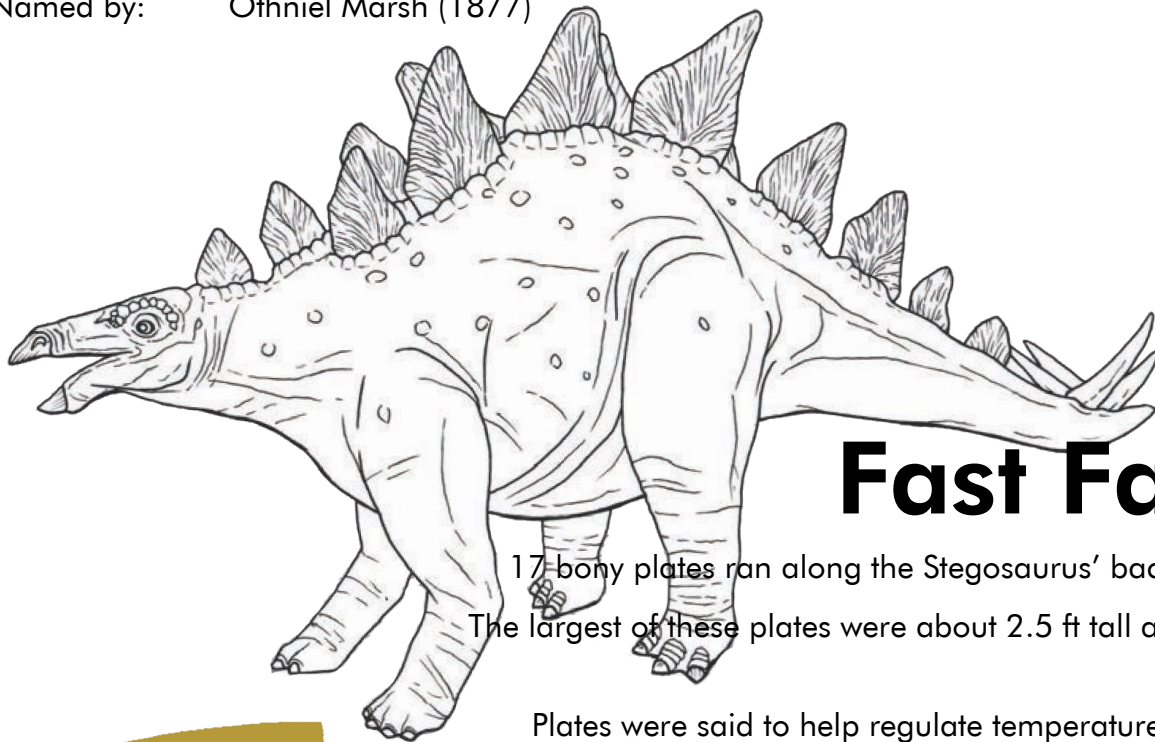


Stegosaurus



Pronounced:	steg-o-sore-us
AKA:	"Roof Lizard or Plated Lizard"
Time period:	Late Jurassic early Cretaceous period (156-140 million years ago)
Size:	30 feet long; 14 feet tall, weighed 6800 lbs
Locomotion:	Quadruped
Diet:	Herbivore
Location:	U.S. (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming)
Taxonomy:	<i>Ornithischia, Thyreophora, Stegosauridae</i>
Named by:	Othniel Marsh (1877)



Fast Facts

17 bony plates ran along the Stegosaurus' back and tail
The largest of these plates were about 2.5 ft tall and just as long

Plates were said to help regulate temperature or act as defense mechanism, to make themselves look bigger

Brain is the size of a Walnut.

Five toes on front feet and 3 toes on back feet

Tips of jaws were covered by horny sheaths that helped it strip off leaves

State dinosaur of Colorado.

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