

HUNT FOR FOSSILS

Long, long before humans existed, dinosaurs and other curious creatures lived on Earth. Dinosaurs are long gone now, but you can still find traces of their world left behind in rock-like fossils.

Fossil hunting tips

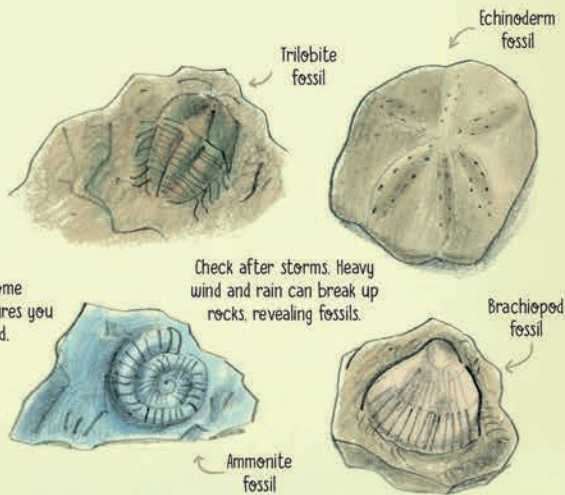
The best places to find fossils are on a beach or beside a river:

TOOLS

- Camera to record fossils you find
- Magnifying glass for inspecting things
- A brush, or old toothbrush, to scrub off mud

Try looking for fossils under stones.

Here are some fossilized creatures you might find.



Check after storms. Heavy wind and rain can break up rocks, revealing fossils.

Fossil hunter

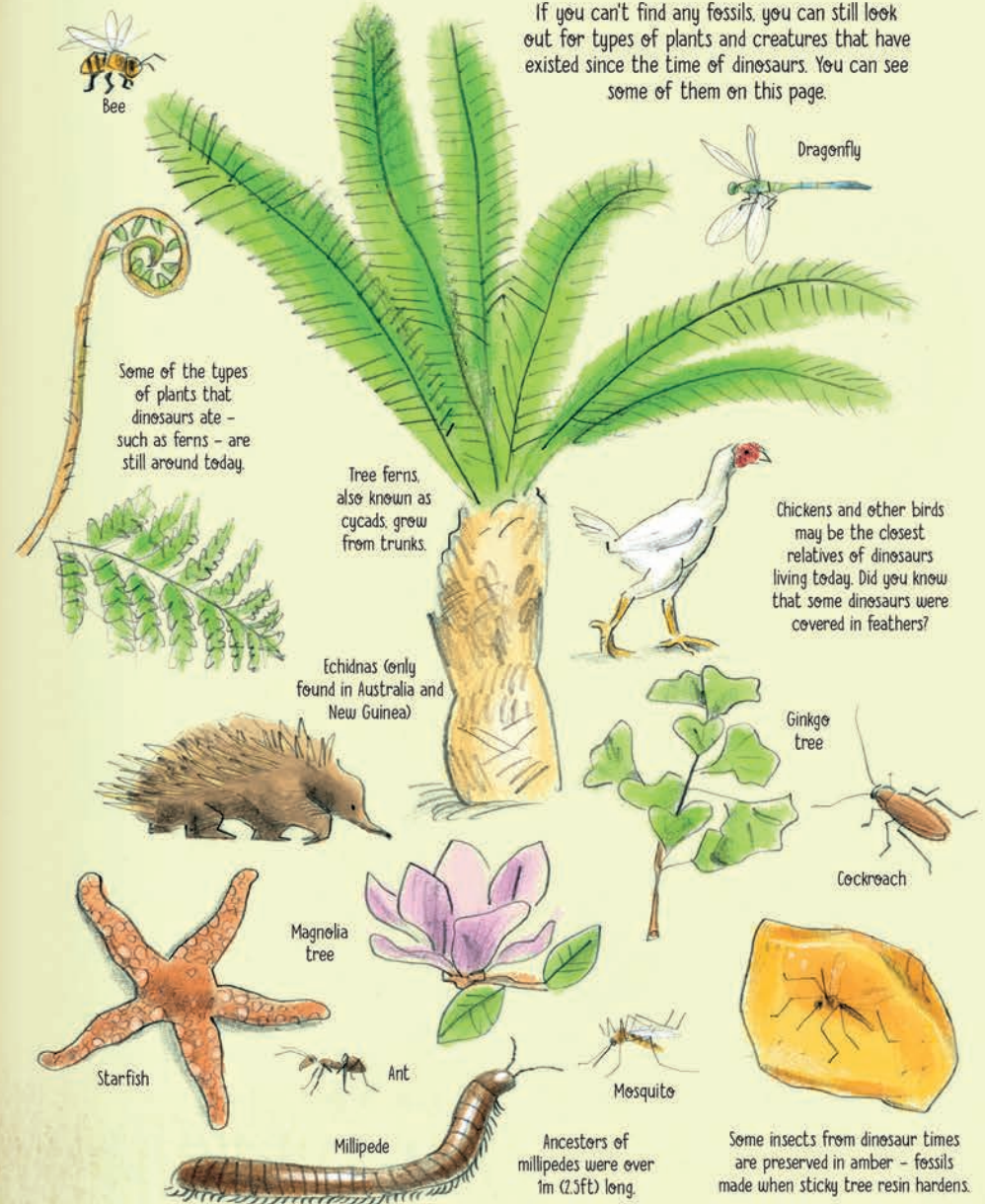
Mary Anning (1799–1847) spent her life hunting for fossils along the coast of Lyme Bay, England, with her dog Tray.

One of her greatest finds was the skeleton of a pterosaur.

Mary became an expert in fossilized dinosaur dung, known as coprolite.



If you can't find any fossils, you can still look out for types of plants and creatures that have existed since the time of dinosaurs. You can see some of them on this page.



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