

The fossil in question was generally regarded to be the 220 million year-old remains of *tyrannosaurus*. Several years ago, however this hypothesis was overturned by the discovery of yet another species [Morehouse, 1977 #6] which is now the undisputed progeny [Argus, 1984 #11; Turnhouse, 1987 #4] of the species at hand. While the true origin of this larger mammal is quite uncertain at this time, it is thought to be from central or eastern Asia.

Where the other species [Schwartz, 1982 #5] arose is a mystery. If it was central Asia, we could reasonably infer that other reptiles were not dominant in this ecosystem. Some think that we will never know [Billoski, 1987 #7; Schwartz, 1976 #9; Whiting, 1987 #1]. However, fossils currently in the museum in Berlin provide strong evidence that the emerging mammal was a small-boned and duck-billed [Whiting, 1987 #1], possibly with a larger wing-like arm.

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