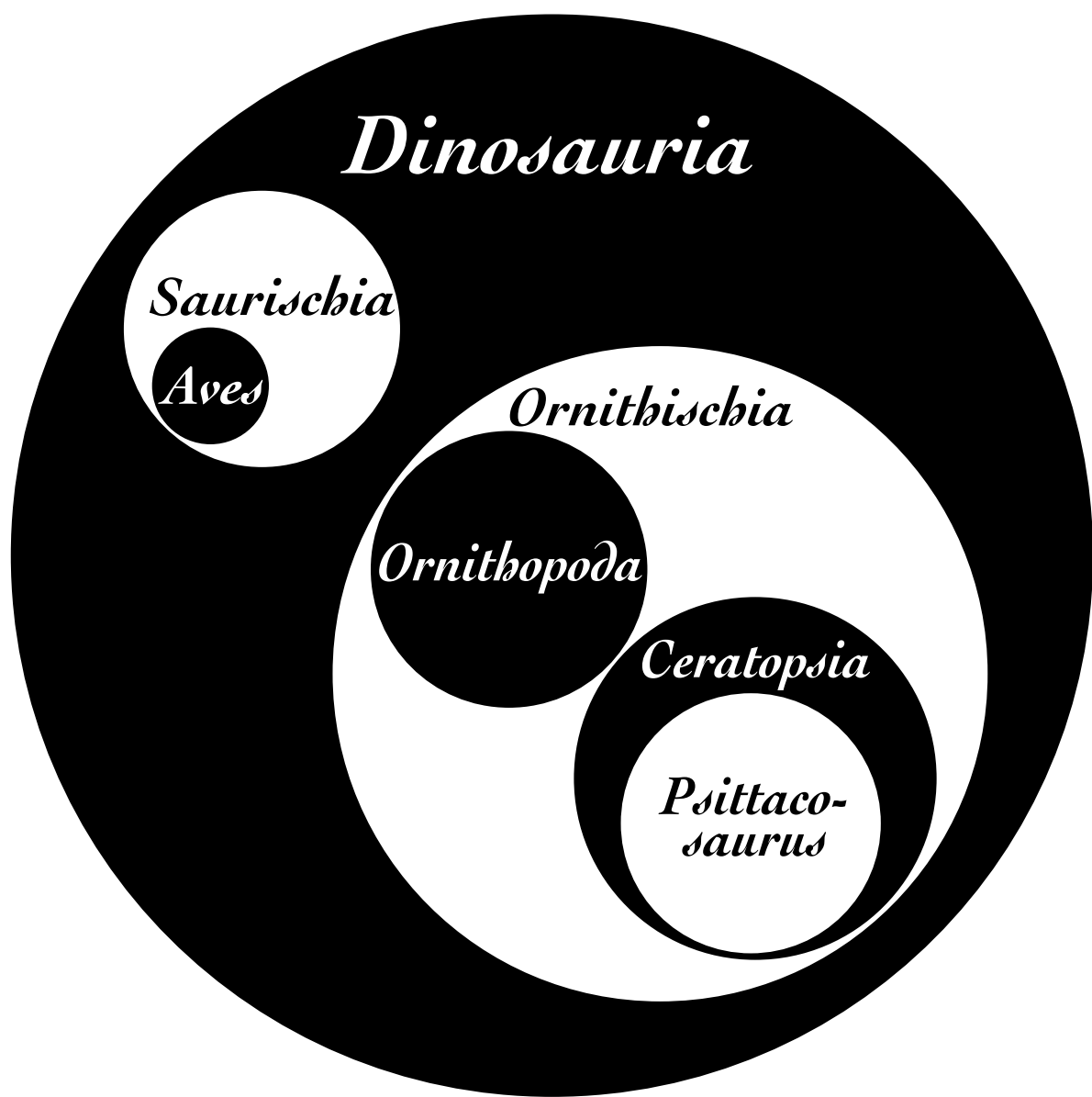


Psittacosaurus mongoliensis:

The Non-Avian, Bird-Hipped Dinosaur With Feathers



***Psittacosaurus* is interesting.** It's one of the few Ornithischian dinosaurs discovered with integument other than scales.

Quill-like structures emerging from the skin along the base of the tail, suggest that feathers may be more ubiquitous than previously thought.

Psittacosaurus



Protoceratops



Similarities



In spite of its lack of a frill or horns and being bipedal, *Psittacosaurus* is a Ceratopsian. It shares many similarities with other Ceratopsids like *Protoceratops* and *Triceratops*, some of which are indicated here in a series of frames from a morphing computer animation.

And like most Ornithischians, *Psittacosaurus* also had a beak of hornlike material. Its name is even derived from its high, parrot-like beak.