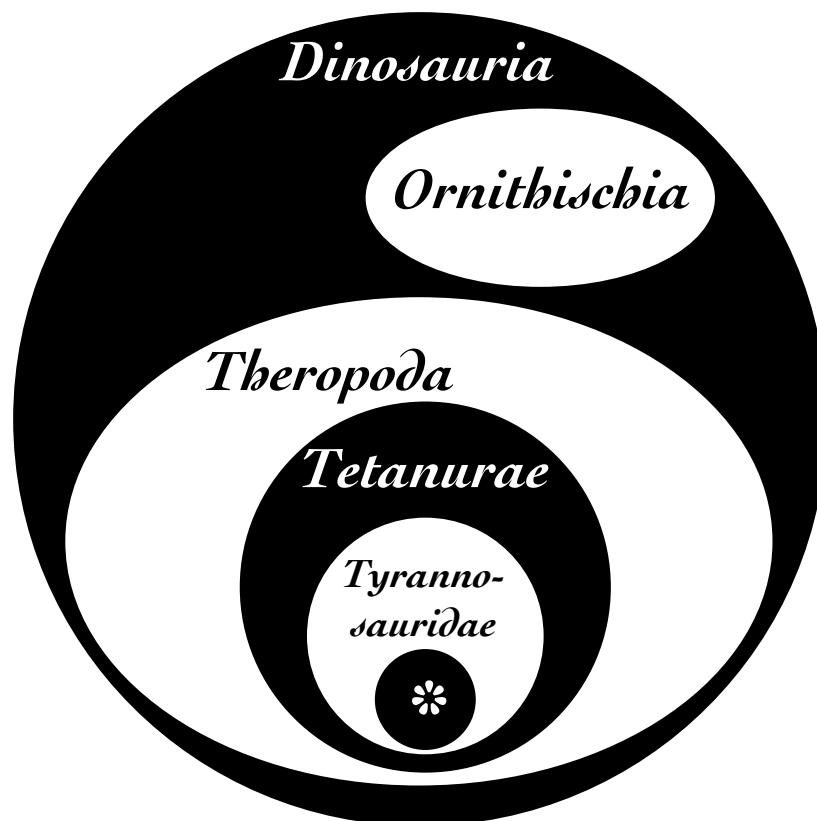


The Alarming Reptile-Hero: Tarbosaurus bataar

Tarbosaurus (with apologies owed here to Andy Warhol) is a Tyrannosaurid of Mongolia. Tyrannosaurids have proven to be a diverse group, and their close affinity with birds was reinforced when a small Tyrannosaurid, *Dilong paradoxus*, was discovered in China. (What is interesting about this little cousin is its three-fingered manus and feathers.)

Tarbosaurus is a Tyrannosaurid, and a member of the Theropod dinosaurs known as the Tetanurae (“stiff-tails”), not a Tyrannosaur, but a close relative.



**Phylogeny of T. bataar*