

## ***What Was A Brontosaurus?***

Most adults were taught in school that the Brontosaurus was one of the largest dinosaurs to ever live. It was a plant-eating animal that lived in swampy areas to find the food it needed. The name Brontosaurus means “Thunder Lizard.”

Today, scientists have learned that the Brontosaurus as a new species of dinosaur never really existed. The mistake was made by O. C. Marsh, a famous paleontologist, who had already found the same type of dinosaur earlier and named it Apatosaurus. Another mistake that was made concerned the skull that was put with the Brontosaurus bones. It actually belonged to another type of dinosaur called Camarasaurus.

The images that appeared in paintings, movies, signs, and postage stamps were all misleading because they showed the wrong head shape for the dinosaur that was called Brontosaurus.

It was also discovered that large dinosaurs like the Apatosaurus did not like muddy, swampy land. Their fossil remains have been found near dry flood plains instead.

That is why very few people talk about a dinosaur named Brontosaurus today.