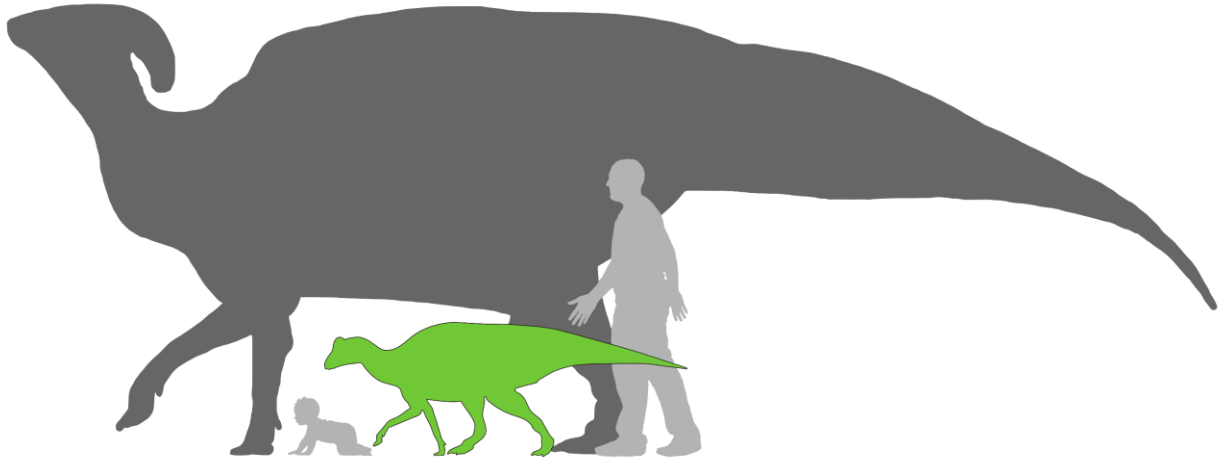


# Joe the Dinosaur Off to Tokyo

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Silhouettes of adult and baby Parasaurolophus, relative to adult and baby humans. Credit: Copyright Scott Hartman (baby dinosaur), Matt Martyniuk (adult dinosaur), Andrew Farke (humans)

KANAB, UTAH--In the summer of 2009, a recent high school graduate from California named Kevin Terris was visiting Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument when he discovered what is now known around the world as “Joe the Dinosaur”. Terris and other students were volunteering for the Alf Museum, prospecting for fossils with two of their paleontologists, when he happened to notice what he thought looked like a rib bone sticking out of the ground. Dr. Andy Farke took a better look and to everyone’s surprise eventually found that there was an entire baby Parasaurolophus (PAIR ah SORE-AH-luf-us) buried just below the surface! Now almost seven years later the fossil that was named “Joe” in honor of Joe Augustyn, a long-time supporter of the Alf Museum, will make a journey to Tokyo, Japan to be a part of a year-long international exhibit on dinosaurs in the National Museum of Nature and Science. Why is “Dinosaur Joe” so important? Because it’s an entire fossil of a baby dinosaur, the finding provides groundbreaking information about how this type of dinosaur grew up which helps scientists to understand even more about what our world was like over 75 million years ago. More than 20 new species of dinosaurs have been discovered on the fossil-rich badlands of the Kaiparowits Plateau on the National Monument after only 15 years of looking. What else will be discovered? You can learn more about baby “Dinosaur Joe” by visiting [www.gsenm.org](http://www.gsenm.org).