Top Dinosaur Discoveries of 2024

Highlights from Smithsonian Magazine's list

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Giants Yet to Be Found

Fossil record incomplete; biggest dinosaurs remain undiscovered
T. rex modelling suggests some individuals were up to 70% larger than known
Rare giants could take millennia to uncover

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Flapping Tracks

South Korean trackway shows a dinosaur flapping its wings while running
Likely made by a two-toed Microraptor moving at high speed
Flapping wings helped speed beyond leg power

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Spiky tails of stegosaurs used more for intimidation than impaling
Study of Miragaia shows tails ill-suited for piercing impacts
Predators likely driven off by fear rather than wounds

Intimidating Stegosaurs

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- Fossil discoveries continue to reshape our understanding of dinosaur life
- Behavioural insights reveal surprising adaptations and strategies
- Continued exploration may uncover giants and new species

Conclusion & Outlook

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