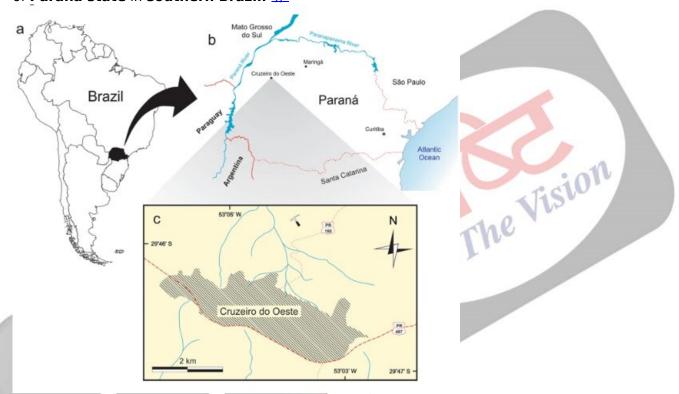


## Vespersaurus paranaensis

■ The researchers have found the fossil of a previously unknown dinosaur species named Vespersaurus paranaensis, that lived 90 million years ago in the **Cruzeiro do Oeste** municipality of **Parana state** in **southern Brazil.** //



- The fossil remains of the Vespersaurus paranaensis is over a metre and a half in length. It was a desert-based carnivorous dinosaur that used claws to capture small prey in the region.
- The Vespersaurus was a theropod, a group of two-footed, meat-eating dinosaurs that included the better known **Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor**.
  - The northeastern region of Parana was once a desert and the dinosaur's remains suggest that the Vespersaurus was well adapted to that type of climate.

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