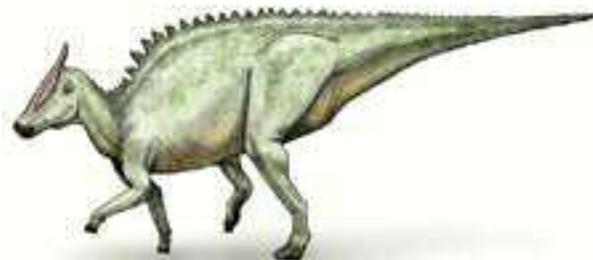

California State Dinosaur

by Don Warthen, J.D., GG

California has many symbols representing many plants, flowers, animals, rocks and minerals and even a state fossil i.e. the Poppy is the state flower, Serpentine is the state rock, the Grizzly Bear is the state animal, the state gem stone is Benitoite, the state fossil is the Saber-Toothed Tiger, and so on, but there has never been a state dinosaur, seven other states and the District of Columbia have state dinosaurs.

One reason that California has never had a state dinosaur is that very few dinosaurs have ever been found here. There are only three known types of dinosaurs in California. There have been two **Augustynolophus morrisoni** found and both in California. (California is the only place that *Augustynolophus morrisoni* has been found.) *Augustynolophus morrisoni* belongs to a family of dinosaurs, Hadrosauridae or the “Duckbill Dinosaurs.” The fossils were unearthed in the Moreno Formation of Fresno County which means that *Augustynolophus* comes from near the “geographical center” of our state. *Augustynolophus morrisoni* roamed California during the Maastrichtian Age, which makes it a contemporary of other well-known dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus and Triceratops, making it one of the last dinosaurs known from the fossil record for the Cretaceous–Tertiary (K–T) extinction.

The latest avalanche of new bills from the California legislators was California Assembly Bill 1540 which amends section 425.7 of the Government Code to establish the *Augustynolophus morrisoni* as the official state dinosaur of California.



Quarter Mania

by Beth Smith
Fun Raise Chair

Hello to all our North Orange County Gem and Mineral friends.

Our Quarter Maina event will be held at the La Habra Community Center on October 26 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

It is coming along very well, with lots of vendors booked and donations are coming in.

I would like to ask all of you if you can to join in on the fun. It is a costume party, Quarter Mania and lunch all rolled into one big party. Costumes are optional of course.

So anyone that would like to attend or maybe donate to this great cause please let me know. Also if you would like to donate your time and volunteer and help out that would be great.

I would love to see more NOCGMS volunteer at these and other events that are coming our way.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped out thus far in making this an awesome event

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