

## *Warm and Fuzzy Dinosaurs*

**LOS ANGELES, California** The **discovery** of a giant meat-eating dinosaur sporting a downy coat has some **scientists** **reimagining** the look of Tyrannosaurus Rex. Were we **mistaken**?

With a **killer** jaw and the **sharpest** claws, T. Rex has long been portrayed in movies and popular culture as having **incredibly** scaly skin. The new discovery of an **earlier** relative suggests that the king of dinosaurs may have had a **softer** side.

The evidence comes from the **unearthing** of a new tyrannosaur species in northeastern China that lived before T. Rex. The fossil record preserved remains of **fluffy** down, making it the **largest** feathered dinosaur ever found.

The new tyrannosaur species is called Yutyrannus Huali. Its name is a blend of Latin and Mandarin, and it translates to "beautiful feathered tyrant."

It would have felt like touching "long, thick fur," one **researcher** said. The dino-fuzz likely provided **important** **insulation**, though using it for camouflage or for show, like a peacock, was not **impossible**.

If a T. Rex relative had feathers, why not T. Rex? **Scientists** said the evidence is trending in that direction. Since T. Rex is related to this newfound **feathery** species, chances are good that T. Rex was feathered as well, **scientists** said. Just don't mistake **fuzzy** for **cuddly**. The **predatory** dinosaur would have been just as menacing. Having feathers doesn't make it **harmless** said Holtz, who was not **involved** in the research.