

Archaeoraptor liaoningensis

- It's a missing link between terrestrial dinosaurs and birds that could actually fly.
- We can now say that birds are theropods just as confidently as we say that humans are mammals.
- With arms of a primitive bird and the tail of a dinosaur, this creature found in Liaoning Province, China is a true missing link in the complex chain that connects dinosaurs to birds.

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