

1. A LIVING FOSSIL

Actual fossil

Fossils of cockroaches are from the Carboniferous period 354-295 million-years ago. This fossil is of the Cretaceous Blattulus family. The word cockroach comes from the Spanish word "cucaracha" which means "cray bug" or "toothsome bug".

The American Cockroach Society
classifies Cockroaches as follows:

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Blattodea

Families: Blaberidae

Blattellidae

Blattidae

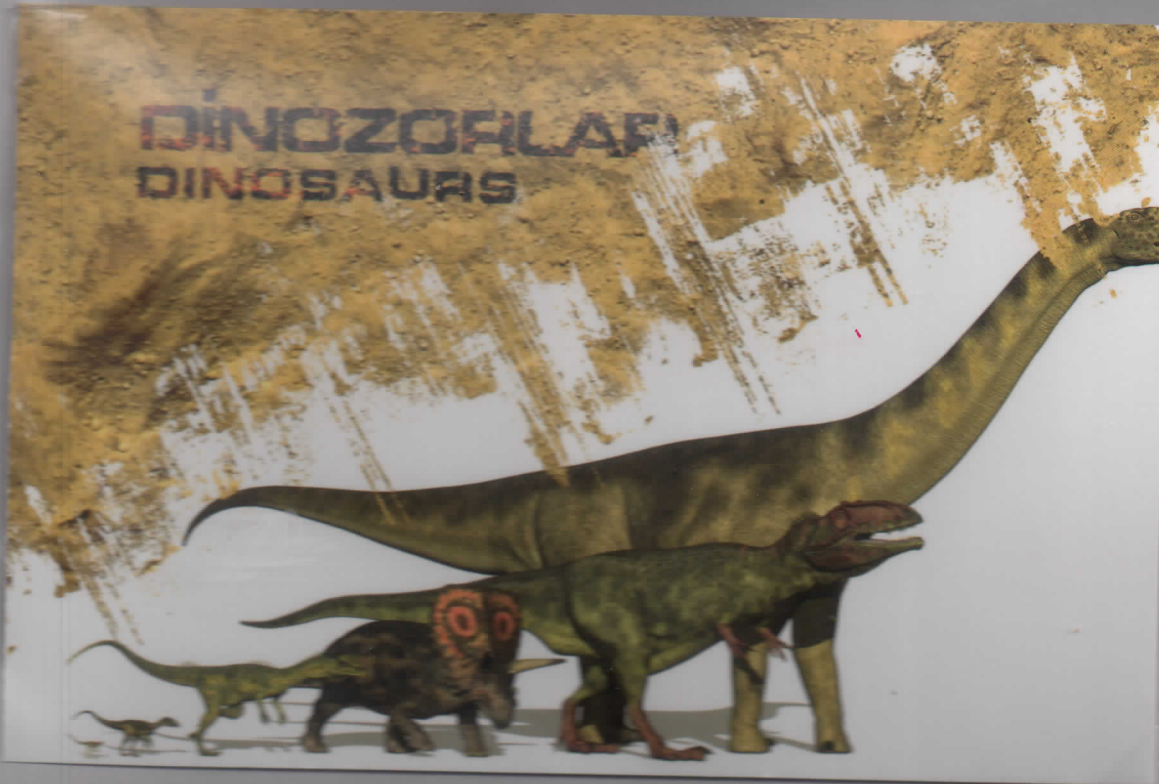
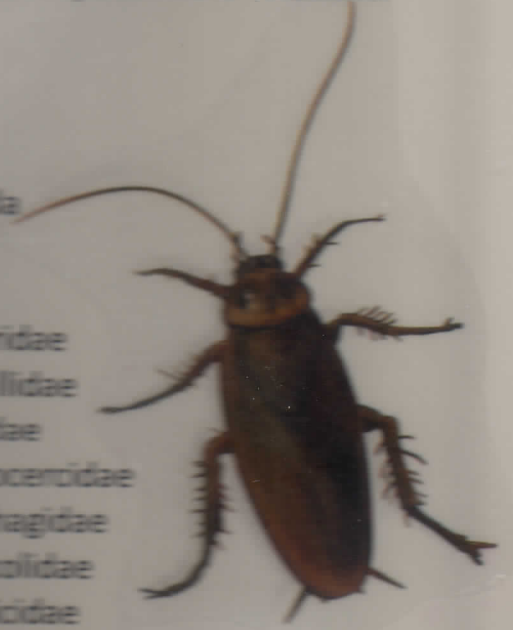
Cryptoceridae

Polyphagidae

Nocticolidae

Tryonicidae

Lamproblattidae



Cockroaches lived millions of years before the first cavemen and dinosaurs.