







## THIS DINOSAUR LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE A DRAGON – Meet Dracorex Hogwartsia, The Dragon King of Hogwartsaa

When paleontology and magic meet.



Head of a Dracorex hogwartsia at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Photo: Ealdgyth/Children's Museum

If you are a fan of Harry Potter, you might be interested to know that there is a dinosaur named after the famous school of witchcraft and wizardry. Its full name is Dracorex hogwartsia, which means "dragon king of Hogwarts" in Latin. But how did this dinosaur get such a magical name? And what did it look like?

Dracorex was a dinosaur that lived in the late Cretaceous period, about 70 to 65 million years ago, in the woodlands of what is now North America. It belonged to a group of dinosaurs called pachycephalosaurs, or "bone-headed dinosaurs", which had thick skulls with various bumps and horns. Dracorex was about 12 feet long and weighed about 500 pounds. It was an herbivore.

