



# DINO *Aves*

For many years, dinosaurs and aves (birds) were thought to be unrelated. However, newer evidence shows that the features that make birds distinct from non-avian dinosaurs were gained one at a time over millions of years. There is not one missing link, but a whole spectrum of feathered dinosaurs and toothed birds. Can a line really be drawn between birds and dinosaurs?

\* The placement of *Heterodontosaurus* and many modern birds is a controversial subject, and may differ from what is depicted here.

'a' is the common ancestor of 'b' and 'c.'  
 'a' and 'c' are represented by circles because they are not animals which have been discovered; we hypothesize that they must have existed.

