

MESOZOIC ERA GEOLOGICAL TIME SCALE

The Age of Reptiles – 252 to 66 Million Years Ago

PERIOD	TIMELINE (MYA)	KEY BIOLOGICAL EVENTS
Cretaceous	145 – 66	Appearance of flowering plants (angiosperms); peak of dinosaur diversity; K-Pg mass extinction.
Jurassic	201 – 145	Dominance of sauropods; appearance of first birds; breakup of Pangea continues.
Triassic	252 – 201	Recovery from Permian extinction; first dinosaurs and mammals; formation of Pangea.