

MESOZOIC ERA

Geological Time Scale

PERIOD	TIMELINE	KEY BIOLOGICAL EVENTS
Cretaceous	145 - 66 MYA	Peak of dinosaur diversity. Emergence of flowering plants (Angiosperms). Ends with K-Pg mass extinction.
Jurassic	201 - 145 MYA	Rise of giant sauropods. First birds appear. Pangea begins to split into Laurasia and Gondwana.
Triassic	252 - 201 MYA	Recovery from the Great Dying. First small dinosaurs and mammals emerge. Pangea exists as a supercontinent.