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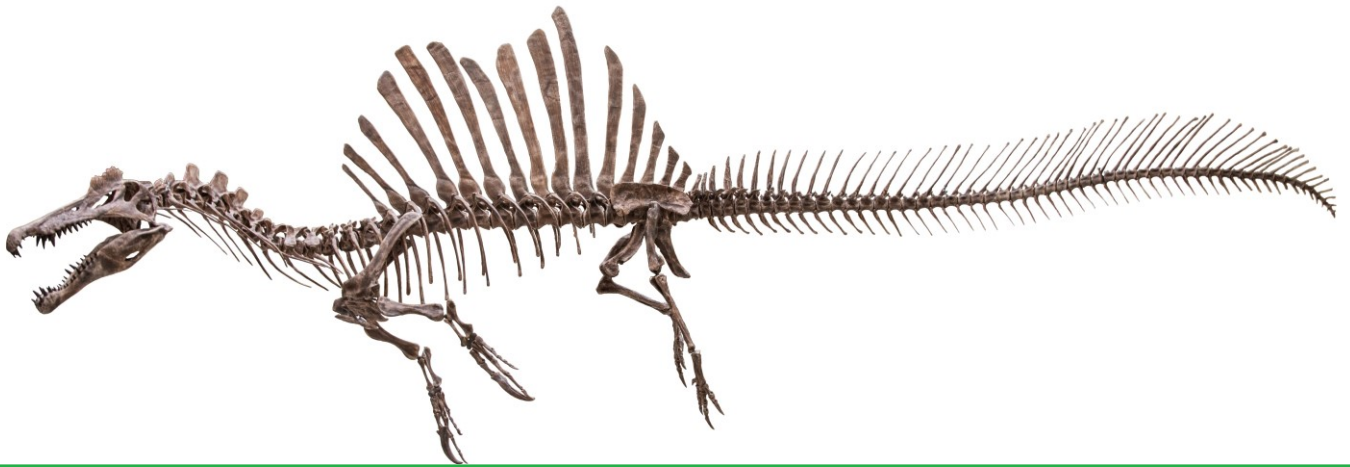


Saturday 11th April 2026, 6.00 - 7.00pm

Hunting Dinosaurs From Space

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Spinosaurus, one of the largest predatory dinosaurs known, and found in the Cretaceous Kem Kem Group of Morocco. Fleshed out by Computer-Generated Imagery, it's one of the biggest stars of the Jurassic Park films, but in real life it may just have foraged for fish.

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Abstract: The Sahara desert is a huge area to prospect for fossils and needs tools in addition to a geological hammer, paintbrush and dental picks to discover its dinosaurian riches. This talk discusses the nature of the Cretaceous age Kem Kem Group of Morocco, famed for its assemblage of dinosaur remains, and how it has been possible to prospect for its fossils using space age technology that was unavailable just two decades ago. You will find out that the largest of all dinosaurs has been discovered and can be seen from space.