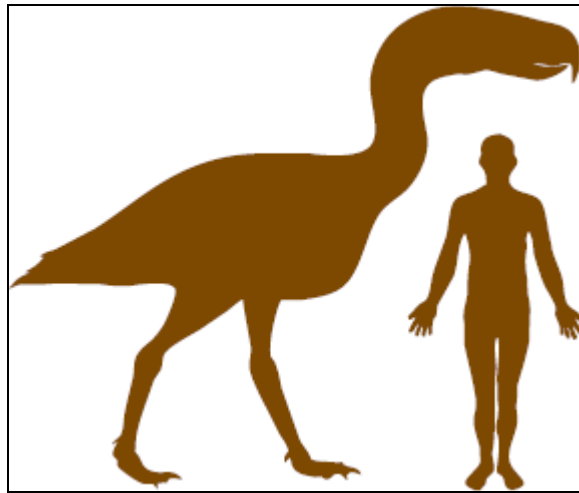


Now, That's a Big Bird!



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The prehistoric "terror bird" was larger than an adult man.

A teenager recently discovered the skull of a huge **prehistoric**¹ bird in Argentina, a country in South America. Scientists say the 10-foot-tall bird had a sharp, hooked beak and thin legs. They think that the bird probably ate animals as large as sheep and ran fast.

The big bird belonged to a group of birds called "terror birds" that once lived on Earth. "It is an unbelievable creature. This is the largest known bird, with a skull bigger than a horse's head," says Luis Chiappe, director of the Dinosaur Institute, a part of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California.

¹ **prehistoric**: relating to times before written history