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Any of various armored ornithiscian dinosaurs of the group Thyreophora from the Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods, bearing bony plates or spikes, and including the ankylosaurians and the stegosaurians.

[New Latin *Thyreophora*, taxon name, Greek *thureos*, oblong shield; see [THYROID](#) + Greek *-phora*, neuter pl. of *-phoros*, -phore.]

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