

ANIMALS OF THE ICE AGE



GLYPTODON

(GLIPT uh don)

Today's armadillos find roadways hazardous, but the giant glyptodon wouldn't have worried. These armored creatures were the size of small cars and weighed around 2,000 pounds!



WOOLLY MAMMOTH

All elephants have hair; but woolly mammoths took it to the extreme. Of course, they had a good reason—where they lived was coooold. Their ears and tail were actually smaller than tropical elephants' ears and tails, and that kept them from losing too much heat.



SABER-TOOTHED "TIGER"

The saber-toothed "tiger" belongs to the cat family. But that doesn't mean it was a nice kitty! It weighed about 600 pounds and had two teeth that were over half a foot long!



TERATORN

(TEAR uh torn)

The teratorns lived up to their name, which means "monster bird." Their wingspan was around 12 feet, which is even longer than modern condors. That's the size of two grown men, one standing on top of the other: Amazing!



GIANT BEAVER

A beaver the size of a bear? You bet. During the Ice Age, giant beavers splashed in the rivers of North America. They tipped the scales at over 200 pounds and could grow to 8 feet from nose to tail. No tree was safe.