

'Montana Dueling Dinosaurs' to sell at NYC auction

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In this Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, photo, Clayton Phipps points out some features of the *nanotyrannus lancensis* he discovered while the fossils are on display in New York. Two fossilized dinosaur skeletons found on a Montana ranch in 2006 are coming up for sale in New York City. The nearly complete skeletons are billed as the Montana Dueling Dinosaurs. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

(AP)—Two fossilized dinosaur skeletons found on a Montana ranch in 2006 are going on the auction block in New York City. They're expected to fetch between \$7 million and \$9 million.

The nearly complete skeletons are billed as the "Montana Dueling Dinosaurs." The sellers say the dinosaurs—one a plant eater, the other a meat eater—appear to be locked in mortal combat.

They're being sold as one lot at Bonhams auction house on Tuesday.

The skeletons were discovered by a fossil hunter on a neighbor's ranch in an area where dinosaurs once roamed.

The sellers believe one may be a close relative of *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The other may be a new species similar to *Triceratops*.



In this Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, photo, a model that recreates the position that two dinosaurs were discovered in is displayed in New York, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013. Two fossilized dinosaur skeletons found on a Montana ranch in 2006 are coming up for sale in New York City. The nearly complete skeletons are billed as the Montana Dueling Dinosaurs. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)



In this Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, photo, the lower leg of a ceratopsian is displayed in New York. Two fossilized dinosaur skeletons found on a Montana ranch in 2006 are coming up for sale in New York City. The nearly complete skeletons are billed as the Montana Dueling Dinosaurs. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

They hope a philanthropist buys them and donates them to a public institution.

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