

# '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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