



### Tupandactylus imperator

The Emperor was described by Campos and Kellner in 1997 as a pterosaur from the Santana Formation, northeastern Brazil. the skull specimen is now in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the the postcranial skeleton being held in the Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Karlsruhe, Germany.

Holotype: MCT 1622-R

Synonyms : Tapejara imperator  
Ingridia imperator



*Tupandactylus imperator* Model at the Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt, Germany.

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Originally named Tapejara in 1997, and with two other Tapejara species following, this species was assigned to a new grouping based on anatomical differences between this and the other specimens.

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