Prior to the Cretaceous Period, the Mesozoic landscape was covered with conifers, cycads, ferns, and ginkgos. The Cretaceous Period saw the appearance and expansion of the angiosperms or flowering plants. The more ancient groups of plants persisted but diminished in importance. Sauropod dinosaurs also endured, but new groups such as duck-billed dinosaurs (hadrosaurs) and horned dinosaurs (ceratopsians) became prominent. Mammals were still small, shrew-like animals.