

Supplementary Material

The impact of the pull of the recent on the fossil record of tetrapods

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Table S1. Tetrapod families affected by the POR.

These modern tetrapod families are the only 19 that have a fossil occurrence, but with a gap through the Plio-Pleistocene. In March 2011, 24 families had no Plio-Pleistocene fossil record. In May 2015, this number had fallen to 19, thanks to new discoveries – these are listed as ‘Removed’.

| Class | Family | Last fossil occurrence known as of | |
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| | | March 2011 | May 2015 (if different) |
| Amphibia | Rhinophrynidae | Rupelian | Upper Pleistocene (Removed) |
| Reptilia | Carettochelyidae | Mid Miocene | Langhian |
| Reptilia | Dermatemydidae | Langhian | |
| Reptilia | Cordylidae | Aquitanian | Langhian |
| Reptilia | Xenosauridae | Miocene | Langhian |
| Mammalia | Microbiotheriidae | Lutetian | Langhian |
| Mammalia | Aplodontidae | Late Miocene | Upper Pleistocene (Removed) |
| Mammalia | Tarsiidae | Lutetian | Serravallian |
| Mammalia | Cebidae | Chattian | Holocene (Removed) |
| Mammalia | Moschidae | Tortonian | Upper Pleistocene (Removed) |
| Aves | Phaethontidae | Tortonian | Holocene (Removed) |
| Aves | Balaenicipitidae | Late Miocene | |
| Aves | Sagittariidae | Mid Miocene | |
| Aves | Eurypygidae | Ypresian | |
| Aves | Musophagidae | Mid Miocene | |
| Aves | Opisthocomidae | Burdigalian | |
| Aves | Steatornithidae | Ypresian | |
| Aves | Podargidae | Priabonian | |
| Aves | Hemiprocnidae | Ypresian | |
| Aves | Todidae | Rupelian | |
| Aves | Phoeniculidae | Lutetian | |
| Aves | Capitonidae | Langhian | |
| Aves | Eurylaimidae | Early Miocene | |
| Aves | Menuridae | Langhian | |
| Total: | | 24 | 19 |

Table S2. All tetrapod families.

| Class | Family | | |
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| Amphibia | Caeciliidae | Reptilia | Chamaeleonidae |
| Amphibia | Leiopelmatidae | Reptilia | Amphisbaenidae |
| Amphibia | Discoglossidae | Reptilia | Rhineuridae |
| Amphibia | Pipidae | Reptilia | Gekkonidae |
| Amphibia | Rhinophrynidae | Reptilia | Xantusiidae |
| Amphibia | Pelobatidae | Reptilia | Lacertidae |
| Amphibia | Pelodytidae | Reptilia | Teiidae |
| Amphibia | Myobatrachidae | Reptilia | Cordylidae |
| Amphibia | Leptodactylidae | Reptilia | Anguidae |
| Amphibia | Bufoidea | Reptilia | Xenosauridae |
| Amphibia | Hylidae | Reptilia | Helodermatidae |
| Amphibia | Ranidae | Reptilia | Varanidae |
| Amphibia | Rhachophoridae | Reptilia | Typhlopidae |
| Amphibia | Microhylidae | Reptilia | Aniliidae |
| Amphibia | Sirenidae | Reptilia | Boidae |
| Amphibia | Cryptobranchidae | Reptilia | Bolyeriidae |
| Amphibia | Proteidae | Reptilia | Tropidophiidae |
| Amphibia | Amphiumidae | Reptilia | Acrochordidae |
| Amphibia | Plethodontidae | Reptilia | Colubridae |
| Amphibia | Ambystomatidae | Reptilia | Elapidae |
| Amphibia | Salamandridae | Reptilia | Viperidae |
| Reptilia | Pelomedusidae | Reptilia | Gavialidae |
| Reptilia | Chelidae | Reptilia | Crocodylidae |
| Reptilia | Chelydridae | Reptilia | Alligatoridae |
| Reptilia | Cheloniidae | Reptilia | Scincidae |
| Reptilia | Dermochelyidae | Reptilia | Phrynosomatidae |
| Reptilia | Trionychidae | Mammalia | Tachyglossidae |
| Reptilia | Carettochelyidae | Mammalia | Ornithorhynchidae |
| Reptilia | Dermatemydidae | Mammalia | Microbiotheriidae |
| Reptilia | Kinosternidae | Mammalia | Dasyuridae |
| Reptilia | Emydidae | Mammalia | Thylacinidae |
| Reptilia | Geoemydidae | Mammalia | Peramelidae |
| Reptilia | Testudinidae | Mammalia | Vombatidae |
| Reptilia | Sphenodontidae | Mammalia | Phalangeridae |
| Reptilia | Iguanidae | Mammalia | Burramyidae |
| Reptilia | Agamidae | Mammalia | Macropodidae |

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| Mammalia | Petauridae |
| Mammalia | Phascolarctidae |
| Mammalia | Acrobatidae |
| Mammalia | Tarsipedidae |
| Mammalia | Didelphidae |
| Mammalia | Caenolestidae |
| Mammalia | Dasypodidae |
| Mammalia | Myrmecophagidae |
| Mammalia | Cyclopedidae |
| Mammalia | Megatheriidae |
| Mammalia | Megalonychidae |
| Mammalia | Manidae |
| Mammalia | Macroscelididae |
| Mammalia | Leporidae |
| Mammalia | Ochotonidae |
| Mammalia | Aplodontidae |
| Mammalia | Sciuridae |
| Mammalia | Castoridae |
| Mammalia | Myoxidae |
| Mammalia | Seleviniidae |
| Mammalia | Bathyergidae |
| Mammalia | Pedetidae |
| Mammalia | Anomaluridae |
| Mammalia | Thryonomyidae |
| Mammalia | Petromuridae |
| Mammalia | Hystricidae |
| Mammalia | Erethizontidae |
| Mammalia | Agoutidae |
| Mammalia | Dinomyidae |
| Mammalia | Caviidae |
| Mammalia | Hydrochoeridae |
| Mammalia | Chinchillidae |
| Mammalia | Abrocomidae |
| Mammalia | Octodontidae |
| Mammalia | Echimyidae |
| Mammalia | Capromyidae |
| Mammalia | Ctenodactylidae |
| Mammalia | Geomyidae |

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| Mammalia | Dipodidae |
| Mammalia | Muridae |
| Mammalia | Canidae |
| Mammalia | Ursidae |
| Mammalia | Mustelidae |
| Mammalia | Odobenidae |
| Mammalia | Phocidae |
| Mammalia | Otariidae |
| Mammalia | Procyonidae |
| Mammalia | Viverridae |
| Mammalia | Felidae |
| Mammalia | Herpestidae |
| Mammalia | Hyaenidae |
| Mammalia | Erinaceidae |
| Mammalia | Talpidae |
| Mammalia | Soricidae |
| Mammalia | Tenrecidae |
| Mammalia | Chrysochloridae |
| Mammalia | Solenodontidae |
| Mammalia | Tupaiidae |
| Mammalia | Pteropodidae |
| Mammalia | Emballonuridae |
| Mammalia | Rhinolophidae |
| Mammalia | Megadermatidae |
| Mammalia | Nycteridae |
| Mammalia | Phyllostomidae |
| Mammalia | Mormoopidae |
| Mammalia | Noctilionidae |
| Mammalia | Vespertilionidae |
| Mammalia | Molossidae |
| Mammalia | Natalidae |
| Mammalia | Myzopodidae |
| Mammalia | Lemuridae |
| Mammalia | Indriidae |
| Mammalia | Daubentoniidae |
| Mammalia | Lorisidae |
| Mammalia | Cheirogaleidae |
| Mammalia | Tarsiidae |

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| Mammalia | Cebidae |
| Mammalia | Callitrichidae |
| Mammalia | Cercopithecidae |
| Mammalia | Hominidae |
| Mammalia | Antilocapridae |
| Mammalia | Bovidae |
| Mammalia | Camelidae |
| Mammalia | Cervidae |
| Mammalia | Giraffidae |
| Mammalia | Hippopotamidae |
| Mammalia | Moschidae |
| Mammalia | Suidae |
| Mammalia | Tayassuidae |
| Mammalia | Tragulidae |
| Mammalia | Ziphiidae |
| Mammalia | Physeteridae |
| Mammalia | Iniidae |
| Mammalia | Lipotidae |
| Mammalia | Platanistidae |
| Mammalia | Pontoporiidae |
| Mammalia | Delphinidae |
| Mammalia | Phocoenidae |
| Mammalia | Monodontidae |
| Mammalia | Balaeonopteridae |
| Mammalia | Balaenidae |
| Mammalia | Eschrichtiidae |
| Mammalia | Elephantidae |
| Mammalia | Equidae |
| Mammalia | Tapiridae |
| Mammalia | Rhinocerotidae |
| Mammalia | Orycteropidae |
| Mammalia | Procaviidae |
| Mammalia | Dugongidae |
| Mammalia | Trichechidae |
| Aves | Struthionidae |
| Aves | Casuariidae |
| Aves | Dromaiidae |
| Aves | Emeidae |

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| Aves | Apterygidae |
| Aves | Rheidae |
| Aves | Tinamidae |
| Aves | Spheniscidae |
| Aves | Gaviidae |
| Aves | Podicipedidae |
| Aves | Diomedidae |
| Aves | Procellariidae |
| Aves | Oceanitidae |
| Aves | Pelecanoididae |
| Aves | Phaethontidae |
| Aves | Pelecanidae |
| Aves | Sulidae |
| Aves | Phalacrocoracidae |
| Aves | Anhingidae |
| Aves | Fregatidae |
| Aves | Ardeidae |
| Aves | Scopidae |
| Aves | Ciconiidae |
| Aves | Balaenicipitidae |
| Aves | Plataleidae |
| Aves | Vulturidae |
| Aves | Sagittariidae |
| Aves | Accipitridae |
| Aves | Pandionidae |
| Aves | Falconidae |
| Aves | Anhimidae |
| Aves | Anatidae |
| Aves | Cracidae |
| Aves | Megapodiidae |
| Aves | Phasianidae |
| Aves | Numididae |
| Aves | Turnicidae |
| Aves | Gruidae |
| Aves | Aramidae |
| Aves | Psophiidae |
| Aves | Rallidae |
| Aves | Eurypygidae |

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| Aves | Rhynchotidae |
| Aves | Cariamidae |
| Aves | Otididae |
| Aves | Jacanidae |
| Aves | Rostratulidae |
| Aves | Haematopodidae |
| Aves | Charadriidae |
| Aves | Scolopacidae |
| Aves | Recurvirostridae |
| Aves | Burhinidae |
| Aves | Glareolidae |
| Aves | Thinocoridae |
| Aves | Stercorariidae |
| Aves | Laridae |
| Aves | Alcidae |
| Aves | Pteroclididae |
| Aves | Columbidae |
| Aves | Psittacidae |
| Aves | Musophagidae |
| Aves | Cuculidae |
| Aves | Opisthocomidae |
| Aves | Tytonidae |
| Aves | Strigidae |
| Aves | Steatornithidae |
| Aves | Aegothelidae |
| Aves | Podargidae |
| Aves | Caprimulgidae |
| Aves | Nyctibiidae |
| Aves | Apodidae |
| Aves | Hemiprocnidae |
| Aves | Trochilidae |
| Aves | Coliidae |
| Aves | Trogonidae |
| Aves | Halcyonidae |
| Aves | Todidae |
| Aves | Momotidae |
| Aves | Meropidae |
| Aves | Coraciidae |

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| Aves | Atelornithidae |
| Aves | Upupidae |
| Aves | Phoeniculidae |
| Aves | Bucerotidae |
| Aves | Bucconidae |
| Aves | Capitonidae |
| Aves | Indicatoridae |
| Aves | Ramphastidae |
| Aves | Picidae |
| Aves | Eurylaimidae |
| Aves | Furnariidae |
| Aves | Thamnophilidae |
| Aves | Scytalopodidae |
| Aves | Tyrannidae |
| Aves | Alaudidae |
| Aves | Hirundinidae |
| Aves | Dicruridae |
| Aves | Menuridae |
| Aves | Acanthisittidae |
| Aves | Atrichornithidae |
| Aves | Motacillidae |
| Aves | Pycnonotidae |
| Aves | Laniidae |
| Aves | Bombycillidae |
| Aves | Dulidae |
| Aves | Cinclidae |
| Aves | Troglodytidae |
| Aves | Prunellidae |
| Aves | Musicapidae |
| Aves | Timaliidae |
| Aves | Sylviidae |
| Aves | Paridae |
| Aves | Sittidae |
| Aves | Nectariniidae |
| Aves | Meliphagidae |
| Aves | Emberizidae |
| Aves | Tanagridae |
| Aves | Coerebidae |

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| Aves | Vireonidae |
| Aves | Icteridae |
| Aves | Passeridae |
| Aves | Sturnidae |
| Aves | Oriolidae |

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| Aves | Callaeatidae |
| Aves | Ptilonorhynchidae |
| Aves | Corvidae |
| Aves | Phrynosomatidae |

Table S3. Tetrapod genera affected by the POR.

These modern tetrapod genera are the only nine that have a fossil occurrence, but with a gap through the Plio-Pleistocene. The last fossil occurrence data come from the Paleobiology Database, except for taxa labelled with an asterisk (*), where the data come from published papers not yet included in the PBDB.

| Class | Family | Genus | Last fossil occurrence known May 2015 |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Reptilia | Trionychidae | <i>Aspideretes</i> | Upper Eocene |
| Reptilia | Dermatemydidae | <i>Dermatemys</i> | Lower Miocene |
| Reptilia | Polychrotidae | <i>Polychrus</i> | Middle Eocene* |
| Reptilia | Boidae | <i>Eunectes</i> | Upper Miocene |
| Mammalia | Anomaluridae | <i>Anomalurus</i> | Langhian |
| Mammalia | Anomaluridae | <i>Zenkerella</i> | Serravallian |
| Mammalia | Platacanthomyidae | <i>Platacanthomys</i> | Turolian |
| Mammalia | Tarsiidae | <i>Tarsius</i> | Serravallian |
| Aves | Gruidae | <i>Balearica</i> | Clarendonian |

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