
MIOCENE AND PLIOCENE ARTIDACTYLS TEXAS GULF COASTAL PLAIN

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Twenty-five species of fossil artiodactyls from a serios of vertically successive mammalian assemblages in Miocene and Pliocene deposits of the Gulf Coastal Plain are described and their systematic positions discussed. Among the new forms recognized are two camel genera: Australo-camelus, the probable Aepycamelus ancestor, and Nothotylopus, a member of the Protolabis-Pliauchenia lineage. The camel-like genus, Floridatragulus, is placed in the Tylopoda as a new family. The Gulf Coast species of Syntetoceratinae are discussed and the phylogeny of the subfamily outlined. Evidence deriving from this study indicates that the Cold Spring and Lapara Creek faunas are of early Barstovian and Early Clarendonian age, respectively.