

# Tertiary Avian Localities of Holland

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**Abstract:** The only Tertiary avian locality of Holland is Pliocene in age.

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## INTRODUCTION

The only report published on the Tertiary birds of Holland is from the 1950s (Junge 1953).

## LIST OF LOCALITIES

### (1) TEGELEN (Tegelen Clay)

**Location:** at Tegelen city, Limburg Province, ca. 51.20 N, 6.09 E. Late Pliocene, MN 17 (Horáček and Ložek 1988, see also Zagwijn 1974).

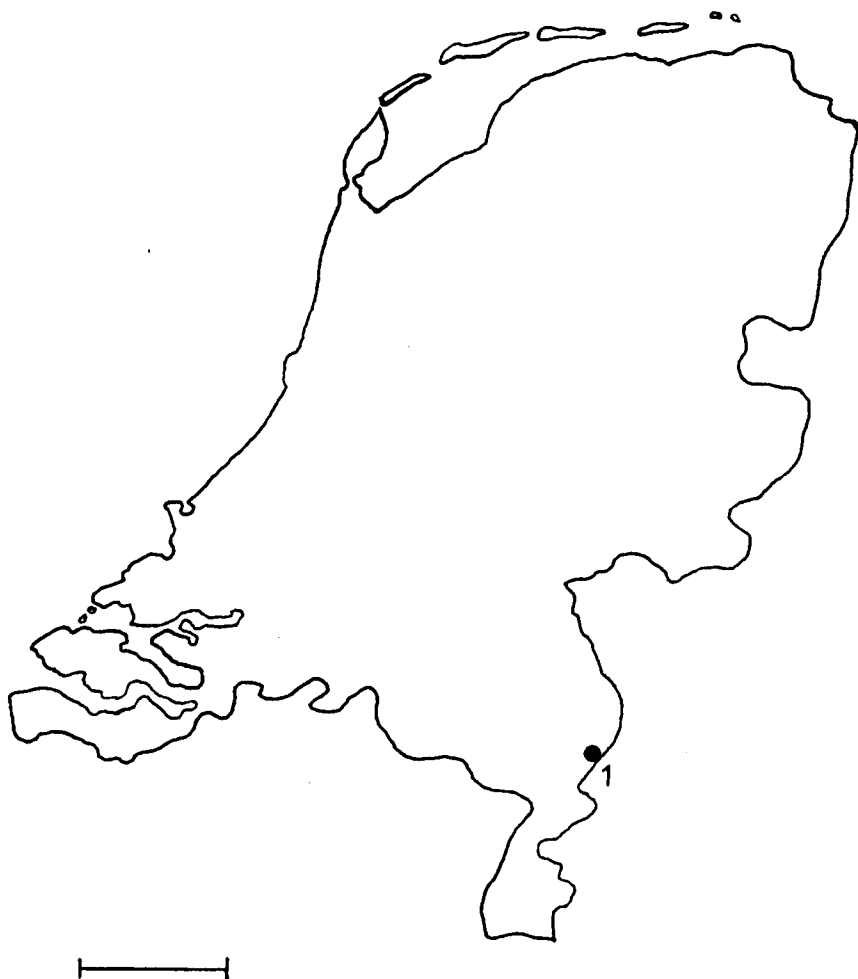
**Avifauna:** Bones of an eagle, *Haliaeetus* (Junge 1953). Their whereabouts is unknown.

## DISCUSSION

Due to its geological past, finds of Tertiary birds in Holland are extremely scarce. However, the Pliocene record from Tegelen is valuable, because avian Pliocene localities are generally rare in north-western Europe.

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**Fig. 1.** Tertiary avian localities of Holland. 1 – Tegelen. Scale bar = 50 km.