

Tertiary Avian Localities of Yugoslavia

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Abstract: Remains of Tertiary birds were found only in three Yugoslavian localities so far.

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INTRODUCTION

Remains of Tertiary birds were found in Serbia already in the 1930s (Laskarev 1936). However, only two more localities have been discovered since then (Stevanović 1959), and even the record of Tertiary mammals is scarce (Pavlović 1992).

The stratigraphical divisioning follows Mein (1990). Note, that Yugoslavia of 1995 comprises only Serbia and Črna Gora, while other four republics, formerly belonging to Yugoslavia, separated from it (Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, and Slovenia).

LIST OF LOCALITIES

(1) MILIĆEVO BRDO (Kruševica)

Location: near Kruševica, west-central Serbia. Early or middle Miocene, MN ? (cf. Pavlović 1988, 1992).

Avifauna: Partial tarsometatarsus of an unidentified bird (Laskarev 1936: pl. I., fig. 8-9). Its whereabouts is unknown.

(2) PESKOVITA (Brajkovac)

Location: near Arandelovac, west-central Serbia. Middle or late Miocene, MN ? (cf. Stevanović 1959).

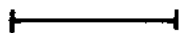


Fig. 1. Tertiary avian localities of Yugoslavia. The numbering of the localities corresponds with that in the text. Scale bar = 100 km.

Avifauna: Unidentified clutch of eighth bird eggs (Stevanović 1959). Its whereabouts is unknown.

(3) BELA STENA

Location: near Valjevo, west-central Serbia. Middle or late Miocene, MN ? (cf. Stevanović 1959).

Avifauna: Several unidentified feather imprints (Stevanović 1959: 156). Their whereabouts is unknown.

DISCUSSION

None of the avian remains of Yugoslavia has been adequately described so far. Until rediscovered and restudied, they are of no scientific value.

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