

A euenantiornithine bird from the Late Cretaceous Hațeg Basin of Romania

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We present the first record of a euenantiornithine bird from Romania. A small collection of fossil remains from the Maastrichtian add to the known distribution of large euenantiornithines and descriptions of birds from the Hațeg Basin augment the known vertebrate fauna from this famous region of Transylvania. The new specimens referred here to an indeterminate taxon of euenantiornithine further demonstrate that the larger members of this diverse Cretaceous lineage were globally distributed, as many birds are today.

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