EOCENE VERTEBRATES FROM SINYU, KIANGSI PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

This is a short note on the few vertebrate fossils found from the red conglomeratic beds of Sinyu (=Xinyu), Kiangsi Province. The fossils include few fragmentary teeth and bones of Crocodilus, Emys, Anosteira, Trionyx, and Coryphodon, etc. indicating that the fossil bearing beds are of Early or Middle Eocene age. These are the first Tertiary vertebrates known in that province. The presence of Coryphodon is interesting because it represents the first occurrence of this important genus of archaic ungulates in south China.