

## ***Namaia* Pickford *et al.*, 2008, preoccupied by *Namaia* Green, 1963: proposal of a replacement name**

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The primate genus *Namaia* was erected by Pickford *et al.*, 2008, on the basis of a maxilla containing two molars found at the middle Eocene locality of Black Crow, Namibia. The name *Namaia* is however preoccupied by an ostracod genus, *Namaia* Green, 1963, found in the Mississippian Banff Formation at Bow River Valley, Alberta, Canada, hence the name of the genus (*Nama* means *bow* in the Indian Language). The type species is *Namaia reticulata* Green 1963.

We rebaptise the primate from Black Crow *Notnamaia*, not only to underscore that it is not the same as *Namaia*, but also because it was found in the southern part of Africa (Greek *notos* – south). The type species is *Notnamaia*

*bogenfelsi* (Pickford *et al.*, 2008). Coincidentally, one of the meanings of the German word *bogen* is *Bow*).

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