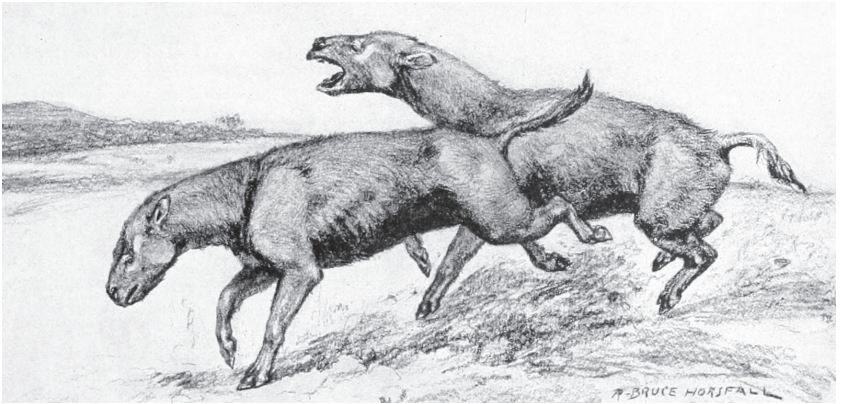


Explosion of Mammals

Paleogene sediments contain a diverse array of mammal fossils of different kinds. The underlying Cretaceous layers have few mammal fossils, and they are mostly unlike anything living today.



Artistic portrayal of the running rhinoceros, *Hyracodon nebraskensis*

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Skeletal mount of *Hyracodon nebraskensis*, from the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History

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