

Why Are Fossil Species So Stable?

Present observations show that living species can change rapidly but only in small amounts. Why do fossil species not show gradual change from one type to another? The stability of fossil species is more easily explained in a short chronology.

Mesohippus skeleton exhibit at the Museum of Natural History in Osaka, Japan

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Artistic portrayal of *Mesohippus*

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