

Researchers find fossils of new type of European camel

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Spanish researchers said Monday they have discovered evidence of a previously unknown type of camel which lived in Europe six million years ago.

The team from the University of La Rioja found 191 fossilised footprints belonging to a group of between 10 and 15 individuals at a site in the eastern Spanish region of Murcia.

The animal, which they named *Paracamelichnum Jumillensis*, lived in the Upper Miocene period some six million years.

It was "very similar to the present-day camel" but "of a genus and species unknown until now," the researchers said.

The results of the research were published in the International Journal for Plant and Animal Traces.

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