

New species of fox discovered at Malapa site in South Africa

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The fossils of an extinct species of fox discovered at the Malapa site in Gauteng, South Africa, have recently been confirmed as a new species named *Vulpes skinneri*.

The paper 'A new species of fox from the *Australopithecus sediba* type locality, Malapa, South Africa', recently published in Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa, describes the fossils of the [new discovery](#) and compares with a broad sample of other modern and fossil foxes and determines that these specimens are distinct enough to be referred to a new species.

The site of Malapa was first discovered in 2008 and has already gained recognition as the type site for [Australopithecus](#) *sediba*. *Vulpes skinneri*, named in honour of the late Professor John Dawson Skinner, long-time director of the University of Pretoria Mammal Research Institute, becomes the second new species to be described from this site.

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