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(Pelecaniformes, Fregatidae) Storrs L. Olson, 1977 A new subfamily Limnofregatinae is erected for the first known Tertiary
specimens of the peleciform family Fregatidae These are described as a new genus and species Limnofregata azygosternon
The holotype is a nearly complete skeleton with feather impressions Two additional specimens consisting of a partial skeleton
and a fragment of ulna are referred to the same species All are from freshwater lake deposits in the Lower Eocene Green
River Formation of Wyoming which are roughly 50 million years old The principal differences between Limnofregata and
modern frigatebirds Fregata are seen in its shorter and less hooked rostrum proportionately shorter wings and longer
hindlimb in the lack of fusion in the pectoral girdle and in the lack of extensive pneumatization of the skeleton The fossil form
is nevertheless well advanced along the lines of modern frigatebirds and nothing in its morphology seems to preclude its
being ancestral to Fregata The fossil provides additional support for placing the suborder Fregatae between the more
primitive tropicbirds suborder Phaethontes and the members of the suborder Pelecani Frigatebirds in the early Tertiary
evidently occupied different habitats or a wider range of habitats than the modern forms and have only subsequently been
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Chatterjee,2015-04-01 The most comprehensive account of the origin of ancient and modern birds the living dinosaurs A small set of fossilized bones discovered almost thirty years ago led paleontologist Sankar Chatterjee on a lifelong quest to understand their place in our understanding of the history of life They were clearly the bones of something unusual a bird like creature that lived long long ago in the age of dinosaurs He called it Protoavis and the animal that owned these bones quickly became a contender for the title of oldest known bird In 1997 Chatterjee published his findings in the first edition of The Rise of Birds Since then Chatterjee and his colleagues have searched the world for more transitional bird fossils And they have found them This second edition of The Rise of Birds brings together a treasure trove of fossils that tell us far more about the evolution of birds than we once dreamed possible With no blind allegiance to what he once thought he knew Chatterjee devours the new evidence and lays out the most compelling version of the birth and evolution of the avian form ever attempted He takes us from Texas to Spain China Mongolia Madagascar Australia Antarctica and Argentina He shows how in the Cretaceous Pompeii of China he was able to reconstruct the origin and evolution of flight of early birds from the feathered dinosaurs that lay among thousands of other amazing fossils Chatterjee takes us to where long hidden bird fossils dwell His compelling occasionally controversial revelations accompanied by spectacular illustrations are a must read for anyone with a serious interest in the evolution of the feathered dinosaurs from vertebrate paleontologists and ornithologists to naturalists and birders

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