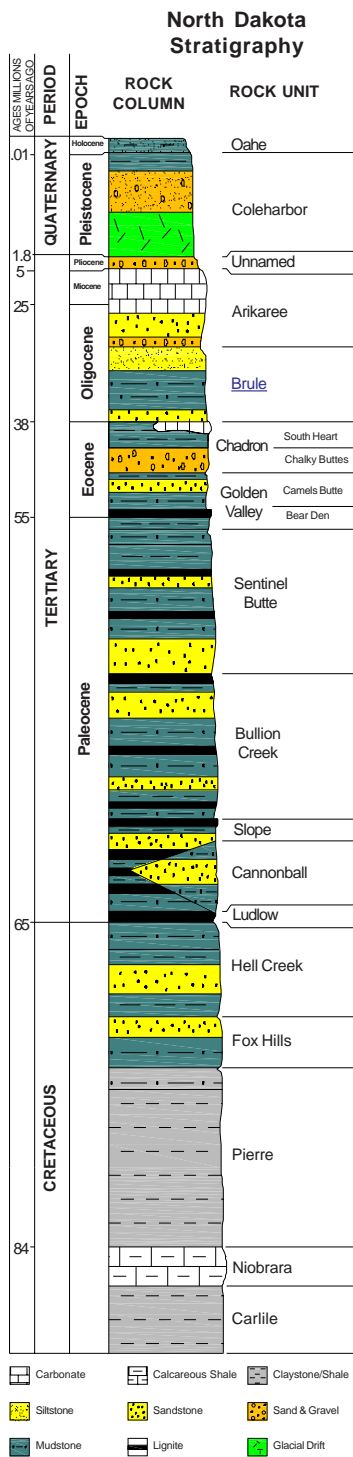


# Poebrotherium



## Common Name:

Camel

## Classification:

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Artiodactyla

**Family:** Camelidae

## Description:

Camels first evolved in North America, and modern camels are the remnants of a formerly much more widespread and diverse group. *Poebrotherium* was one of these early camels that inhabited the open-woodland areas of North Dakota about 30 million years ago. They were lightly built and were goat-sized, about 3 feet long. Their head, with a distinctive narrow snout, and long neck looked similar to a modern-day llama. Their slender, hind legs were longer than their forelegs and they had hooved toes. They were efficient runners. *Poebrotherium* had long jaws and their front teeth extended forward as in living camels which allowed the animal to snip off vegetation.



*Poebrotherium*. Painting courtesy of Kingfisher Publications.



Locations where fossils have been found