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NEW RECORDS OF STORKS (CICONIIDAE) FROM QUATERNARY ASPHALT DEPOSITS IN CUBA

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Abstract. Storks were previously known in Cuba only from the living Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) and two bones of the extinct species *Ciconia maltha* from Cienfuegos Province. Newly explored Quaternary tar seep deposits in Matanzas Province have yielded fossils of *M. americana*, the extinct wood stork *M. wetmorei*, and an unidentified species of *Ciconia* smaller than *C. maltha*. These specimens provide the first verifiable fossil record of *M. americana* anywhere, the first of *M. wetmorei* outside of Florida and California, and the first instance of these two species occurring sympatrically.

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