Exclusive: 99 Million-Year-Old Dinosaur-Era Bird Found Trapped in Amber, Images & Experts Available

Remains of a 99 million-year-old bird encased in amber have been found in Myanmar. While previous specimens in Burmese amber have been more visually spectacular, none of them have contained as much of the skeleton as this juvenile bird, which features the back of the skull, most of the spine, the hips, and parts of one wing and leg. Although there have been previous specimens in Burmese amber that are more visually spectacular, none of them have contained as much of the skeleton as this juvenile bird, which features the back of the skull, most of the skeleton as this juvenile bird, which features the back of the skull, most of the spine, the hips, and parts of one wing and leg. This discovery, supported in part by the National Geographic Society, adds an important piece to the fossils found from the Cretaceous period. The team hopes to one day have a whole growth series of enantiornithine birds in Burmese amber. For the full story, click <u>HERE</u>. **National Geographic science expert, <u>Victoria Jaggard</u>, is available for interviews out of Washington, D.C. **National Geographic Explorer, Lida Xing, is available for interviews out of Beijing. FOR PRESS INQUIRIES CONTACT: Kelsey Taylor, kelsey.taylor@natgeo.com, 202-912-6776 Anna Kukelhaus Dynan, anna.kukelhaus@natgeo.com, 202-912-6724