

Re: The Neolithic/Mesolithic Boundary(4) Climatic Instability Gives way to Stability

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In sci.archaeology message news:87mz9blnlw.fld@xxxxxxxxxxx by floyd@xxxxxxxxxxx (Floyd L. Davidson) . . . :

"Peter Alaca" <P.Alaca@xxxxxx> wrote:

Floyd L. Davidson wrote: news:87veo0kklp.fld@xxxxxxxxxxx

"Peter Alaca" <P.Alaca@xxxxxx> wrote:

From reading through this thread, I got the opinion that neither of you probably do actually know what the difference is...

I'm afraid you missed something important,

That prd is a boastful brat?

Sorry for thinking it was possible to miss that.

but perhaps you learned something about "prd" (and reindeer) after you wrote this.

I've yet to see anything indicating any knowledge of caribou/reindeer from either the people who claimed to know all about them. Maybe you do, but that isn't yet evident.

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Okay then, taxonomically speaking there is only one (circumplolair) species, so it doesn't really matter how it is commonly known.

But what else was there to say to a prd's evasive reply to my question to him than 'yes'?

Whatever, you seem to have confused before and after.

I don't understand what you mean.

You stated that I learned something "after".

But, I finally did! *You* actually do know the difference between a caribou and a reindeer, which is only in how the words are spelled.

There is some ambiguity to what a Reindeer is, I am not altogether familiar with free roaming reindeer herds in eurasia, but at least some authors treat Reindeer as the domesticated version of Caribou. And since we were talking about the Mesolithic/Neolithic boundary then the proper name would be Caribou, or conversely carbio = wild reindeer. That is like calling a wolf a wild dog or Arouch, wild cattle. I call this sloppy nomenclature.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?mode=Undef&id=9881&lvl=3&lin=f&keep=1&srchmode=1&unlock>

Rangifer

Rangifer tarandus (reindeer)

Rangifer tarandus caribou

Rangifer tarandus dawsoni

Rangifer tarandus fennicus

Rangifer tarandus granti

Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus

Rangifer tarandus pearyi

Rangifer tarandus platyrhyncus

Rangifer tarandus tarandus

I consider reindeer to be closer to elk than deer.

But taxonomical the cervids are treated as deer, which makes it somewhat difficult to explain moose but . . .

The old norse word is "hreidyri" which means [reindeer] it was shortened and deer was added as a suffix.

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We could be real sophisticated and use the old Norse
if anyone liketh it.