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Alexandria, VA - In a study covered by EARTH Magazine, geoscientists identified fossils that are helping close the 15-million-year period in the fossil record known as Romer's Gap - the time from when fish showed early evidence of arms and legs until we definitively see four-legged land animals.

Scientists have been wondering for decades whether Romer's Gap exists because tetrapod fossils from that time were not preserved, or because their fossils simply have not been discovered yet. These new fossils are starting to close the gap and change the way scientists interpret the way Earth's history. Read more in the September issue of EARTH Magazine: <http://bit.ly/1UzxBzJ>.

For more of the science behind the headlines, read the September issue, which includes stories on the geology behind one of the world's largest silic igneous provinces and one of the top 10 beaches on the planet: Australia's Whitsunday Islands. Also included are research headlines like how geoscientists are using seismometers to listen for falling rocks in Yosemite and how the fate of atolls may not necessarily be tied to sea-level rise, and much, much more.

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