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Late Albian to early/mid-Cenomanian ostracodes from Northern Galala Plateau, Egypt

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Middle Cretaceous ostracodes from two sections in the Northern Galala Plateau, western coastal Gulf of Suez (Egypt) are presented. 3O species have been recorded, of which 4 are new: *Asclocythere galalaensis*, *Perissocytheridea ignota*, *Eocytheropteron pecteniferum* and ?*Spinoleberis calcalifera*. Most of the species have been known so far from the Albian and/or Cenomanian of the South Tethys, especially the Near East. No species common for these ages from the North and South Tethys i.e. Africa and Europe, have been found. Ostracode associations probably show the late Albian to earlyhid-Cenomanian age. The distribution is related to fluctuating conditions within the studied area, from euhaline to brackish/shallow water environments.

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