The Evolution of the Long-Necked Giraffe Giraffa camelopardalis L. What do we really know Testing the Theories of Gradualism, Macromutation, and Intelligent Design

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