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Jim Hoste* (jhoste@pitzer.edu), 1011 Fuller Drive, Claremont, CA 91711, and **Patrick D. Shanahan** and **Cornelia A. Van Cott**. *Crosscap number of 2-bridge knots and the partial order on prime knots.*

Suppose K and J are distinct knots in the 3-sphere and that $K > J$, meaning that there is an epimorphism of the knot group of K onto the knot group of J . Then, $\gamma(K) \geq 3\gamma(J) - 4$, where $\gamma(K)$ is the *crosscap number*, or *non-orientable genus* of the knot K . Furthermore, the inequality is sharp. (Received September 15, 2020)