

Early Hominins and Their Immediate Ancestors

	SPECIES	TIME RANGE (millions of years ago)	
pre-hominin apes or ape-hominin transitional species	<i>Sahelanthropus tchadensis</i>	7 - 6 ?	
	<i>Orrorin tugenensis</i>	6.0	
	<i>Ardipithecus Kadabba</i>	5.8-5.2	
	<i>Ardipithecus ramidus</i>	4.4	
early hominins	gracile species	<i>Australopithecus anamensis</i>	4.2 - 3.9
		<i>Australopithecus afarensis</i>	3.7 - 3.0
		<i>Kenyanthropus platyops</i>	3.5 - 3.2
		<i>Australopithecus africanus</i>	3.3 - 2.5 ?
		<i>Australopithecus garhi</i>	2.5
	robust species	<i>Australopithecus aethiopicus</i>	2.5
		<i>Australopithecus robustus</i>	2.0 - 1.4 ?
		<i>Australopithecus boisei</i>	2.4 - 1.4 ?

The species listed above in red are controversial because of relatively limited discoveries of their fossils and disagreement as to their classification. Those listed in black have been found at many sites and now are widely accepted. Some researchers refer to the robust australopithecines as paranthropoids (genus *Paranthropus*).