

Australopithecus afarensis, ' Lucy '



Lucy is perhaps the most famous human ancestor of all, discovered in 1974 in Hadar, Ethiopia dating back 3.2 million years ago.

She was the first *Australopithecus afarensis* to be found with around 40% of her skeleton discovered. Today, more than 300 individuals of the same species have been found. Considered an adult female, she was 105 cm tall and weighed about 30 kgs. Males averaged 150cm tall and weighted around 90kg

In 2016 researchers from the University of Texas concluded that Lucy fell from a great height causing her death.

She was nicknamed 'Lucy' after the song 'Lucy in the sky with diamonds' sung by The Beatles.

