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RELICT HOMINOID ICHNOLOGY

The track record of relict hominoids received mention in a recent and seminal review paper summarizing the hominin fossil footprint record. Major Events in Hominin Evolution, is chapter 15 of *The Trace-Fossil Record of Major Evolutionary Events*, edited by Mángano and Buatois. The paper was coauthored by Martin Lockley (University of Colorado), Jeff Meldrum (Idaho State University) and Jeong Yul Kim (Korea National University). It presents a comprehensive survey of fossil hominin track sites around the world, and even to the moon, spanning the last 3.6 million years, and discusses the distinctions of two polar morphologies, diagnosed as ichnotaxa, *Praehominipes* and *Hominipes*. The closing paragraphs raise the matter of trace evidence attributed to relict hominoids, including the ichnotaxon *Anthropoidipes ameriborealis* MELDRUM 2007. “While most anthropologists ignore or refute the existence of relict hominoids without detailed analysis of the evidence at hand, there is nevertheless an extensive literature on the subject...by *bona fide* scientists who have taken the evidence seriously.”

Click the link below for a pdf of that paper:

[Lockley MG, Meldrum DJ, Kim JY \(2016\) Major events in hominin evolution. In: Mángano, L.A. Buatois \(eds.\), *The Trace-Fossil Record of Major Evolutionary Events*, Topics in Geobiology 40:411-448.](#)



