

# Black Bear

Scientific name: *Ursus americana*



## Facts:

Height	3' - 4'
Length	5' - 7'
Weight	Male: 125 - 550 lbs, Female: 90 - 375 lbs
Lifestyle	Solitary, Diurnal (active during daylight)
Lifespan	Wild: 12 years    Captivity: 30+ years



## Diet: Omnivore

Fruits, nuts, insects, honey, salmon, small mammals and carrion. Black bears will occasionally kill young deer or moose calves.

## Behavior:

Black bears tend to be solitary animals, with the exception of mothers and cubs. They will forage in groups if there is an abundance of food. Black bears are shy and normally avoid people. Human attacks are rare. Still one should not get too close or feed them.

## Did you know?

During hibernation, body temperature drops by 44 - 46 °F and their heart rate slows from 50 - 10 beats per minute.

## Habitat:

Areas with thick vegetation and edible material. Ideal habitat consists of hardwoods such as maple and birch, and coniferous species.

## Range:

Throughout North America, from Canada to Mexico. Black bears can be found in at least 40 U.S. states.

