

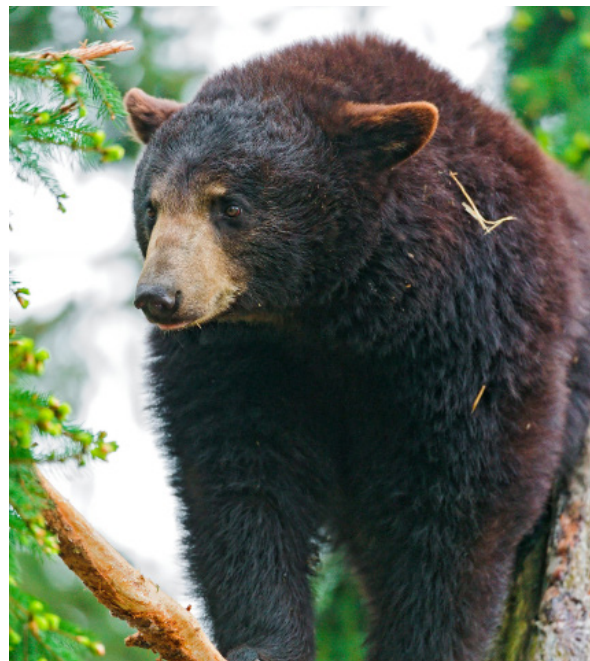
# Bears

## Fact Cards



### American Black Bear

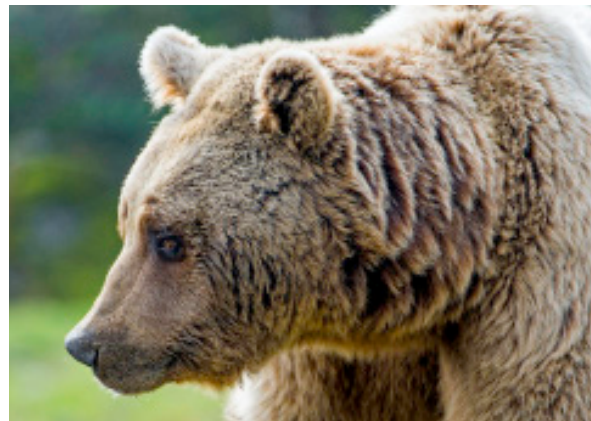
American black bears are usually black or brown. They eat mainly berries, nuts, grasses and insects. Most American black bears hibernate during the cold winter months. They are very good at climbing trees and swimming. They are usually shy and easily frightened. They can run up to 35 miles per hour. That's as fast as a car!



## Brown Bear

Brown bears live in lots of different countries around the world. They live in mountains, forests and meadows. Brown bears have super strong shoulder muscles. This helps them to dig up roots and tear apart logs to find food. They can even move rocks! They use their sharp claws to dig through hard soil when making dens. Brown bears like to eat grass, fruit, insects and the roots of plants. If they are hungry enough they will hunt small animals. Brown bears

that live near rivers like to eat fish, particularly salmon. Brown bears hibernate in their dens all winter. They don't even wake up when they have their babies!



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## Polar Bear

Polar bears live in the Arctic. They are the biggest type of bear. When a male polar bear stands on its hind legs, it can be as tall as 3 metres! Polar bears are excellent swimmers. Polar bears are meat eaters. The bottoms of polar bears' paws are covered with fur to keep them warm and stop them from slipping on the snow and ice. Polar bears don't hibernate.



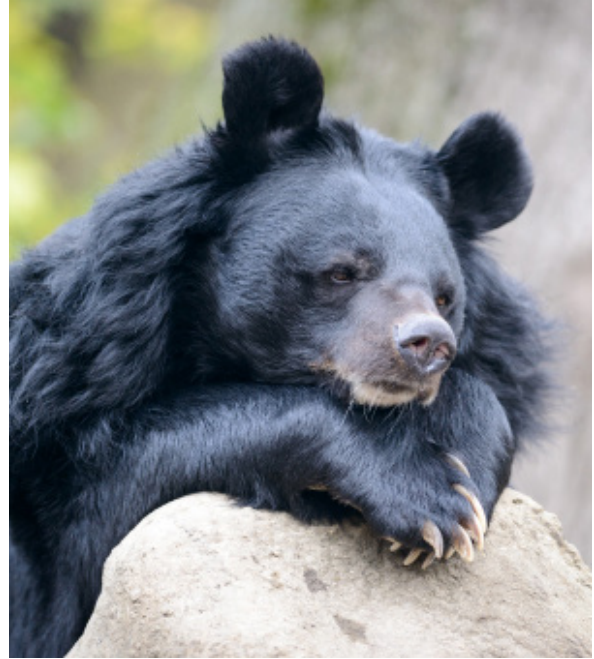
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## Moon Bear

The moon bear lives in Asia. They have a white patch of fur on their chest shaped like a crescent moon. Moon bears have large ears and the fur around their neck and shoulders is extra-long and fluffy. Moon bears are very fierce. Moon Bears like to spend time in the trees. They even like to sleep in trees! They like to eat plants, berries, insects and small animals.

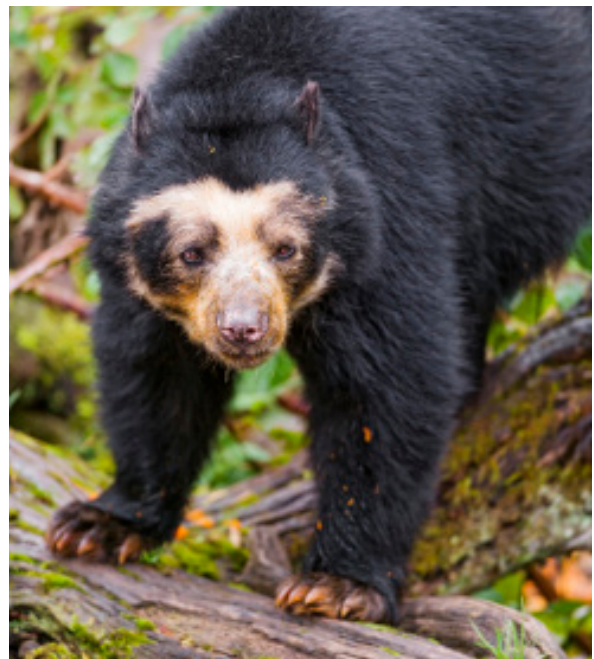


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## Spectacled Bear

The spectacled bear lives in South America. They live in forests. The pattern of the fur on their face makes it look like they are wearing spectacles! The spectacled bear likes to eat plants, berries, grasses, fruits and small animals. These bears like to climb up in the trees to eat and sleep.



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## Giant Panda

Pandas only live in China. They are very good at climbing trees. There are only about 1000 pandas living in the wild. This is because people are cutting down the forests where they live. Pandas eat mainly bamboo. They have to eat lots of it every day! Pandas have special paws that help them hold onto the bamboo.

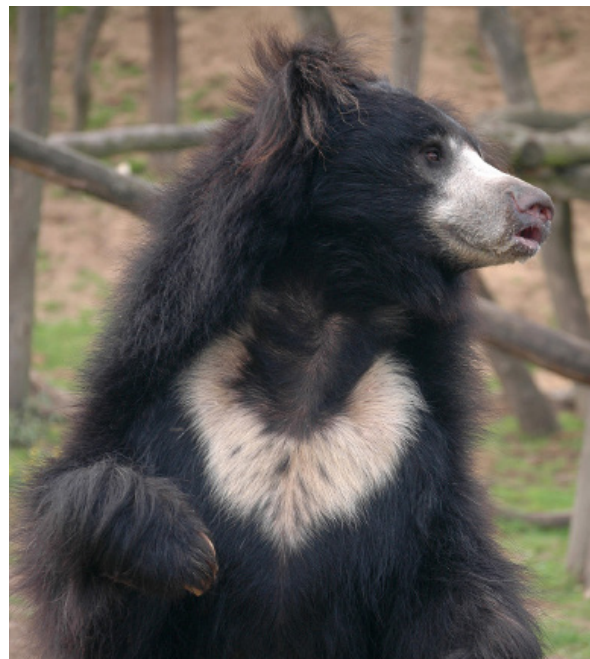


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## Sloth Bear

The sloth bear carries its cubs on its back. Sloth bears will eat fruit and flowers but their favourite food are termites, which they suck up like a vacuum cleaner! Some people call them honey bears as they climb trees to reach honeycomb to eat. Sloth bears have very shaggy fur. The sloth bear is nocturnal.



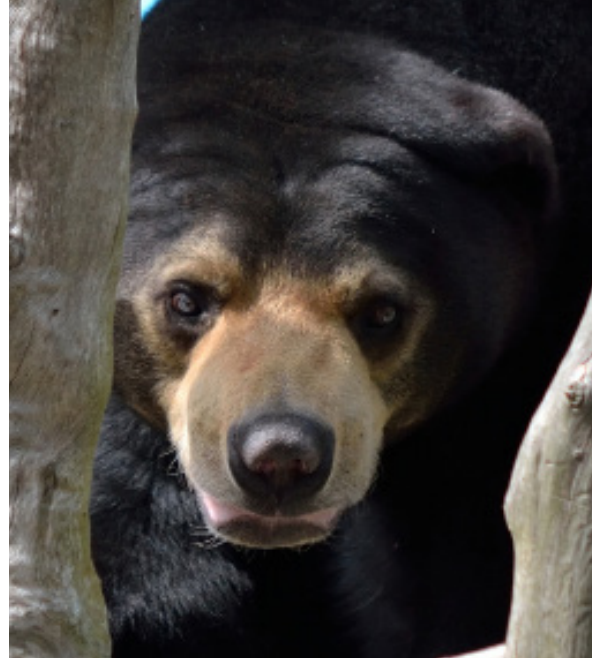
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## Sun Bear

The sun bear is the smallest type of bear. They have a yellow mark on their chests. Sun bears like to eat lizards, small birds, small animals, insects and honey. They have a long tongue which is perfect for slurping honey out of bees' nests. Sun bears don't need to hibernate because they live in warm places. Sun bears live in the tropical rainforests of Asia.

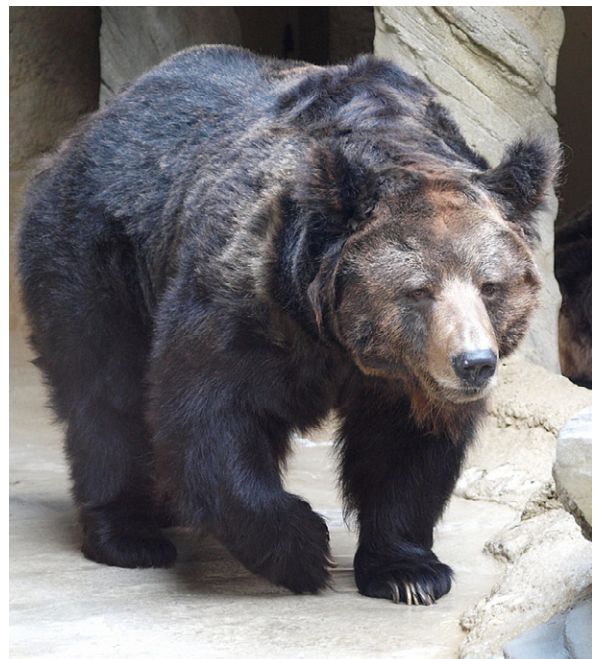


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## Tibetan Blue Bear

The Tibetan blue bear is one of the rarest bears in the world. It lives in the mountains of Asia. Tibetan blue bears are black but can have a blue tint which is where their name comes from. Their face is reddish-yellow and they have a yellow collar and chest. A male can reach 2 metres tall. They live for around 20 to 30 years. The Tibetan blue bear is very shy and so they have not been studied by humans much.



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## Kodiak Bear

Kodiak bears live on an island called Kodiak Island where there are no other bears. They have access to plenty of food. They mostly eat grass, plants and berries. Kodiak bears are the largest bears in the world. A male bear can be over 3 metres tall when standing on its back legs! Female Kodiak bears are much smaller and lighter. The oldest known Kodiak bear was a female who was 34 years old.



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## Marsican Brown Bear

The Marsican brown bear lives in the forests and mountains of Italy. They eat roots, fruits and berries as well as insects, honey and eggs. Marsican brown bears are usually dark brown but are sometimes a golden brown. Their ears are short and round. The Marsican brown bear lives for about 20 to 25 years in the wild and are endangered.



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