

The Bear Facts

There are three types of bears in North America. Three types are: polar bear, brown bear, and black bear. Canada and Alaska are the only places where all three types of bears live.

This article is about different facts about polar bears. First, polar bears are actually marine mammals. They spend lots of time in the waters. Polar bears live in very cold climates. In this climate, there are mountains of ice and snow. Second, polar bears have hair that looks white, but it's not actually white. The hairs are actually transparent and hollow. Therefore, the hairs are slightly reflective, making them appear white. Third, polar bears are the largest kind of bear. There is no bear on earth that is larger than a polar bear. When a polar bear stands on their hind legs, they are between eight and ten feet tall. Polar bears can weigh between 600 and 1,400 pounds. Polar bears are carnivores. A carnivorous animal eats other animals - meat. Carnivores, like polar bears, have sharp teeth to rip the muscles off of the dead animal. Polar Bears also have special claws which help them hold onto ice and to catch seals. The ringed seal is the polar bear's favorite meal!

Another type of bear in North America is the Brown Bear. Brown bears have different colors and different names: like Brownies and Grizzlies. Some brown bears are very dark brown. Other brown bears are blonder and lighter in shade. Brown bears who live on the coast are often called brownies. Those who live in the interior of the land are often referred to as Grizzlies. Grizzlies are smaller and meaner than brownies. Brown bears are six to eight feet tall when standing on her hind legs. They can weigh between 400 and 1,500 pounds. Whether Grizzly or Brownie, all types of Brown Bears have a bump above their shoulders. This hump is made up of fat and muscle. Brown Bears eat a lot of different things like bugs and fish and berries and well baby animals. This means that they are not considered carnivores. They are considered omnivores. An omnivore eats meat and plants. Brown Bears spend all summer eating to store fat for the long winter nap. This is usually called hibernation.

Finally, the smallest type of bear is the Black Bear. Black bears are only five or six feet tall when standing on her hind legs. Basically, Black Bears are about the size of adult humans. Some black bears are a very dark black color. Some Black Bears are slightly lighter. Most Black Bears have brown noses, and really big ears. Black Bears weigh between one hundred and four hundred pounds. Their claws are sharp and curved. These claws help them climb trees. Black Bears are also omnivores.

1. *What facts did the article tell about Polar Bears?*
2. *What facts did the article tell about Brown Bears?*
3. *What facts did the article tell about Black Bears?*
4. *Why is it important to know which bears are carnivorous?*
5. *How does a bear's diet affect its physical characteristics?*

Videos:

Informative video, but very simple

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Lots of imagery and visuals

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