

Polar Bear

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My report is on the Polar Bear. The scientific name is *Ursus Martimus*. The classification of the polar bear is a mammal. The habitat of a polar bear is usually in the cold region of the Arctic.

The size of a male polar bear is 6 to 8 feet tall from nose to tail and can weigh between 600 and 1,700 pounds. The female is smaller and is around 6 feet tall and weighs between 300 and 600 pounds. Polar bears eat seals, dead walrus' and

whales. The only threat to them is humans and pollution.

Females usually have one or two cubs. The cubs weigh between 20 and 25 ounces and are the size of rats. They are blind and completely helpless.

Some interesting facts are

1. Male and female polar bears can live to be 30 years old.
2. The name *Ursus Martimus* means white bear or seal bear.
3. Their skin is black but their fur is white.
4. Their dark skin makes them feel warm.
5. The polar bear is the most carnivorous member of the bear family and is the one most likely to prey on humans.
6. They are excellent swimmers and have been seen in the Arctic 60 miles from land.
7. Females keep their cubs warm by cuddling them and breathing on them.
8. Polar bear fur is translucent even though it appears white. It helps provide them with camouflage and insulation.
9. The polar bear is an endangered marine mammal.
10. The population estimates are just over 20,000.