



# Grizzly Bear

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Common Name: Grizzly Bear (brown bear)

Scientific Name: *Ursus Arctos Horribilis*

Habitat: Dense forest, sub-alpine meadows, and the arctic tundra. They live in

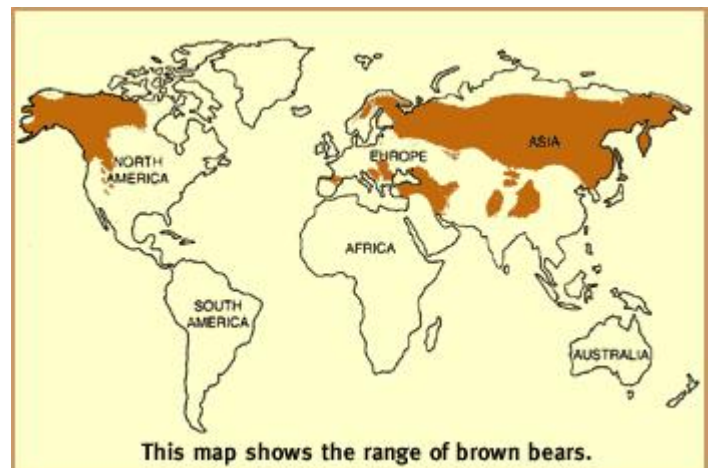
North America, eastern and Western Europe, northern Asia and in Japan. In North America, the bears are located in Alaska, western Canada, and in the states of Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming.

Size: Adult males can weigh from 300 to 850 pounds and females can weigh from 200 to 450 pounds. The average weight of a male is 700 pounds and the average weight of a female is 450 pounds.

Food: Grizzlies are omnivores which mean they will eat both plants and animals. Healthy adults can eat up to 35 pounds of food a day. Grizzlies eat moose, deer, leaves, berries, fish, bird eggs, chipmunks, squirrels, beetles, ants, and larvae, depending on what's available.

Young: When a grizzly mother is pregnant it can have up to 4 babies at once but the average amount of babies for a mother to have is 2. Baby grizzlies are called cubs. The cubs are born in January or February. When the cubs are born they are as small as a rat and they weigh from 1 to 1 1/2 pounds. Their mom nurses them until they are about 20 pounds. The cubs leave the den in April or May when they are 4 to 5 months old. Sometimes it is difficult for the mother to watch the cubs because as they enjoy wandering off.

Grizzlies are endangered because people use to shoot them for their comfy fur and their meat. They also got shot because people got



frightened when they saw them. Now it's illegal to do those things because they are endangered. The reason why they're still endangered is because it's legal to shoot black bears so when poachers are hunting for them they sometimes accidentally shoot grizzly bears also it's because when they walk across roads at night they sometimes get ran over by car.

### **Ten Interesting Facts about Grizzly Bears:**

- Grizzlies steal their food from vicious wolves.
- Grizzlies can scare away up to 4 brutal wolves.
- When the cubs are first born they are blind, bald, deaf, and completely weak.
- Male grizzlies sometimes eat cubs.
- When cubs are in danger they climb the nearest tree and stay up there until the predator walks away. When they get older this doesn't work because they weigh too much.
- When the cubs are 2 or 3 years old the mother forces them to live by themselves.
- If grizzlies cannot find any food to steal they use their excellent sense of smell to find out where an animal dug a whole and then they dig with their sharp claw down to where the animal is.
- In Eastern and Western Europe grizzlies are called Brown Bears.
- If the summer grizzly bears eat as much food as they can so that when winter comes they are able to survive without food or water. They also nurse their babies without food or water in the den.
- Grizzlies go into a deep sleep called dormancy for 6 months. Dormancy means a light hibernation, which is why the bears can be woken up by a loud noise.