

Myth: A black bear sees my kids and my pets as food-FALSE

Fact: Black bears are omnivores. Insects and animal matter are less than 10% of their diet. Vegetation is their mainstay. They follow different nutrient concentrations, eating different plants and plant parts in different seasons.



Myth: A bear standing on its hind legs is about to charge-FALSE

Fact: A standing bear is simply trying to see, smell, or hear better than it can when on all fours.

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"Having respect for animals makes us better humans."

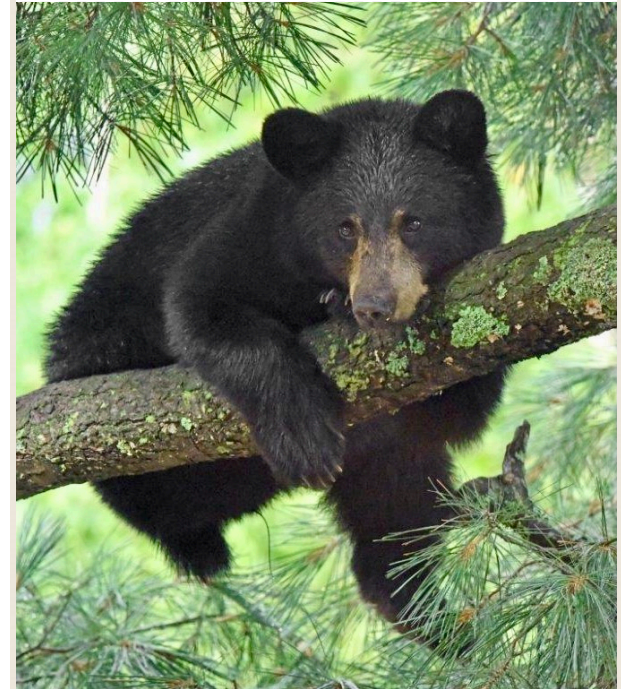
-Jane Goodall

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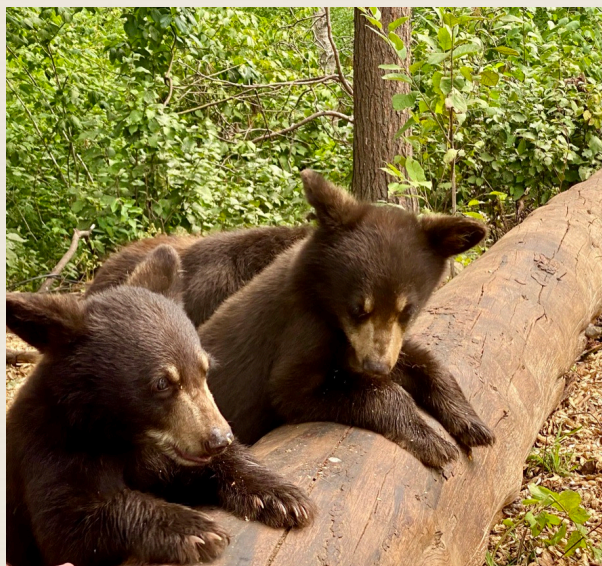
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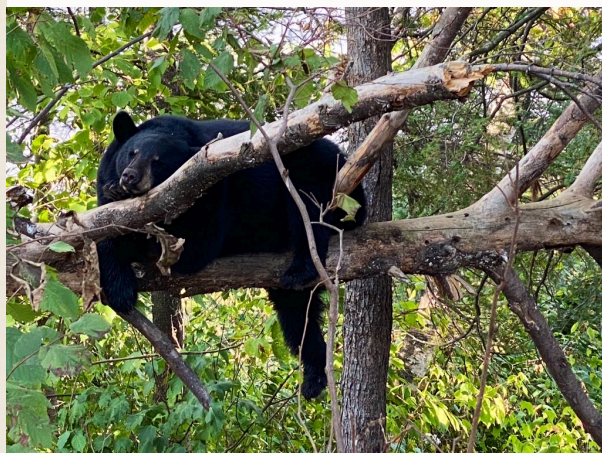
GOT BEARS?

So you now live in the "Northwoods". Some of your new neighbors are black bears. Here are some myth-busting facts you should know about these shy, non-aggressive animals with whom you now live.



Myth: Grizzly bears are brown and black bears are black-FALSE

Fact: Black bears come in more colors than any other North American mammal. They can be black, brown, cinnamon, blond, blue-gray, or white.



“A problem for BEARS is not so much what we DON’T know, it’s what we THINK we know that isn’t true.”

Dr. Lynn Rogers Ph.D.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT BLACK BEARS

There are 8 species of bears in the world with only black bears residing in Minnesota. If we are going to peacefully coexist with them, there is a need for people to have accurate information. We want to help change the attitudes and dispel the many myths and misconceptions people have about them.

Myth: Never get between a mother bear and her cubs-FALSE

Fact: This warning is one of the biggest misconceptions about black bears. Though it is true for brown/grizzly bears, black bear mothers are highly unlikely to attack.

Myth: When bears lose their fear of people they are more likely to attack-FALSE

Fact: Bears that are unafraid of people are less apt to flee. However, they are no more likely to attack than any other bears-and some studies have shown that they are less likely to attack. Many human-tolerant bears are killed because of this myth!

Myth: Bears lurk in the woods waiting to attack people-FALSE

Fact: Black bears are more apt to quietly slip away before you ever see them-which is usually the case. They are also likely to run if they are surprised by you. If they don’t run, they are easy to chase away.

Myth: Bears Attack If They Sense Fear-FALSE

Fact: This is a common worry, but most people that see bears are afraid and are not attacked.

Myth: Black bears are unpredictable-FALSE

Fact: Like people, bears show their intentions through body language and the sounds they make. The more you learn about bear behavior, the better choices you will make in their presence.

Myth: Relocating or killing a black bear will solve a conflict-FALSE

Fact: Relocating an individual bear may temporarily solve a human-bear conflict. Public safety may occasionally require that an individual bear be killed. However, neither of these options are permanent, effective, long-term solutions. Relocated bears often try to return home where they feel comfortable.

Myth: Black bear attacks are common-FALSE

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. For each person killed by a black bear:

2 by brown/grizzly bears	120 by bees
13 by snakes	150 by tornadoes
17 by spiders	249 by lightning
45 by dogs	32,000 by humans

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