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COMMON NAME – American Black Bear

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Ursus americanus*

DESCRIPTION –

- Length – 150 to 180 cm
- Height – 80 to 95 cm
- Weight – 90 to 660 lbs
- Small eyes, rounded ears, long snout, large body, short tail
- Mostly shaggy black hair
- Five claws on each paw for tearing, digging, and climbing

RANGE/HABITAT –

- 41 of 50 U.S. States, stretching from coast to coast, into Canada, Alaska, and Mexico
- Prefer forests and shrub areas but also can live in wet meadows, tidelands, and ridgetops
- Will build dens in tree cavities, under logs, or in caves for winter hibernation

DIET –

- 59% Berries and acorns
- 28% Grasses and forbs
- 13% Insects and meat

FACTS -

- Can stand and walk on hind legs
- Excellent sense of smell
- Bears will climb trees to avoid danger
- A single blow from their paw can break an adult elk's neck
- The largest ever black bear weighed in at 880 lbs in North Carolina in 1999 – it had been eating swine from an industrial hog farm.