**[Grizzly Bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/grizzly-bear/" \o "Grizzly Bear):**

The grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is a sub-species of the [brown bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/brown-bear/), also known as the Silvertip [Bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/). The grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) live in the uplands of western North America, and each female [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/)produces a litter of young roughly every other year.  
  
Grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) can often be seen to congregate together around streams in the salmon season to get the best catch. The grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is generally a solitary mammal.  
  
It is estimated that less than 10% of grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) make it into full adulthood. While the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) has no natural [predators](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-predators), the [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) have been hunted by [humans](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/human/) almost to extinction.  
  
The grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) has a bad reputation amongst [humans](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/human/) and [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal) alike, as the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is known to be aggressive and very territorial. Due to the grizzly bear's [size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size), there are no known North American [mammals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-mammal) that would naturally [prey](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey) on the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/), making the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/)an extremely dominant predator.  
  
Female grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) that have grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) cubs will often be extremely wary of other [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/" \l "jump-animal)and the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) mother will often keep her grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) cubs in quieter areas until the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) cubs are old enough and big enough to defend themselves, at which point the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/)cubs will generally venture away from their grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) mother in [order](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order) to begin a life of roaming themselves. The grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) mothers however, are incredibly protective of their young and will generally always attack any [animal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal) that she believes is a danger to her young family.  
  
Male grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) can grow to a height of more than 3 meters tall when standing on their hind legs, with female grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) being around 40% smaller. As with the [brown bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/brown-bear/) (from which the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is thought to have come from), the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) has a humped look at the top of the grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) back, which is the build of the enormous muscle that provides the [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) with the strength they need, mainly when digging.  
  
Although it is generally believed that the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is a [carnivore](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-carnivore), grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/), as with most other [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species), are in fact [omnivores](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-omnivore) as the grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) [diet](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/diet/) consists of both plants and [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal). The grizzly [bear](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) is most famously known for its love of salmon and can often be seen in large [groups](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group) around the areas where the salmon spawn. The grizzly [bears](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bear/) are still very territorial though but appear to stay out of each other's way on these occasions as there is always plenty of [fish](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/fish/) to go round.

## Grizzly Bear Facts

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| [**Kingdom**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-kingdom)**:** | Animalia |
| [**Phylum**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-phylum)**:** | Chordata |
| [**Class**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-class)**:** | Mammalia |
| [**Order**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order)**:** | Carnivora |
| [**Family**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family)**:** | Ursidae |
| [**Genus**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-genus)**:** | Ursus |
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| [**Scientific Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-scientific-name)**:** | Ursus Arctos Horriblis |
| [**Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type)**:** | Mammal |
| [**Diet**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-diet)**:** | Omnivore |
| [**Size (H)**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size)**:** | 2.1m - 3m (7ft - 10ft) |
| [**Weight**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weight)**:** | 160kg - 225kg (353lbs - 500lbs) |
| [**Top Speed**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-top-speed)**:** | 56km/h (35mph) |
| [**Lifespan**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifespan)**:** | 15 - 25 years |
| [**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)**:** | Solitary |
| [**Conservation Status**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-conservation-status)**:** | Endangered |
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| [**Colour**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-colour)**:** | Dark brown, Black |
| [**Skin Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-skin-type)**:** | Fur |
| [**Favourite Food**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-favourite-food)**:** | Salmon |
| [**Habitat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-habitat)**:** | Forest and mountainous regions |
| [**Average Litter Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-litter-size)**:** | 2 |
| [**Main Prey**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey)**:** | Salmon, Fruit, Fish |
| [**Predators**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-predators)**:** | Human, Cougars |
| [**Distinctive Features**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-distinctive-features)**:** | Strong, powerful shoulders and enormous claws |