

Black Bear

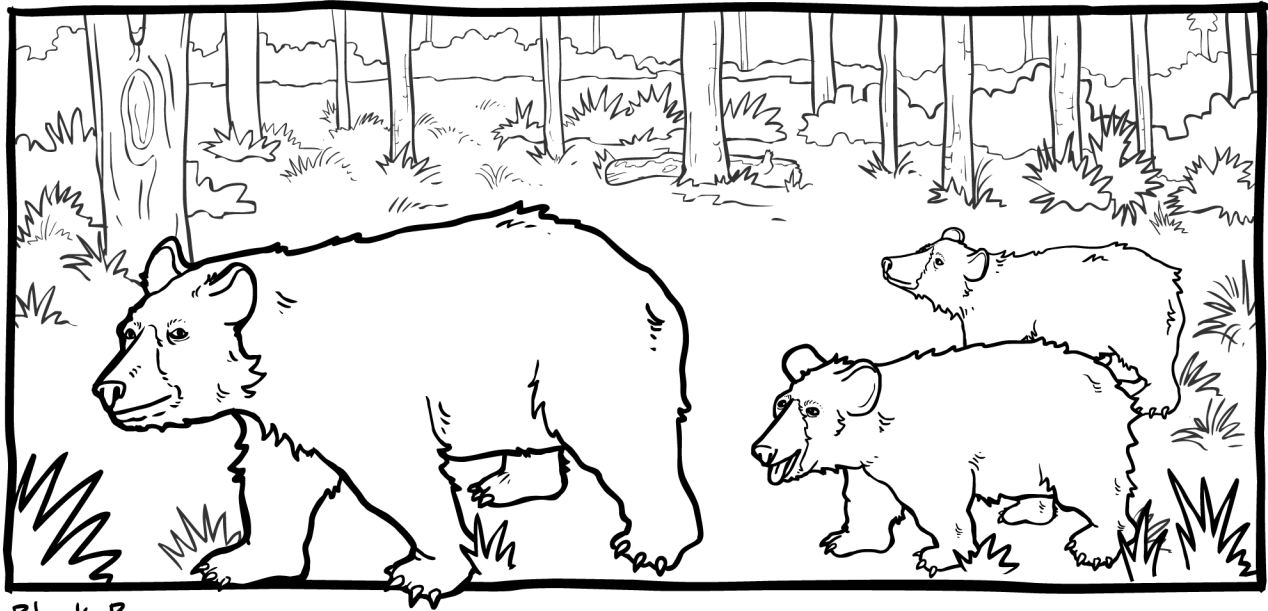
## Florida Black Bear (*Ursus americanus oridanus*)

### Instant ID

- Shiny black fur with a brown muzzle
- Back feet measure 6 to 8 inches long and have 5 toes each
- Rounded ears, short tail and large teeth
- Adults average 3 feet tall and weigh between 200 and 300 pounds

### Native Niches

- Historically found throughout Florida
- Have been eliminated from 80% of their range in Florida due to deforestation and development
- Requires a variety of habitats for daytime shelter and year-round food



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## Favorite Foods

- Eats a variety of foods, including plants, nuts, seeds, berries, and a small amount of insects and small mammals
- Eats up to 20,000 calories per day in the fall, but loses weight in the winter when food is less plentiful

## Critter Characteristics

- Stands on its rear legs to catch a scent
- Can climb trees, swim and run at up to 30 miles per hour

## Population Protection

- Listed as a threatened species in Florida
- On average, 130 Florida black bears are killed each year by vehicles
- You can help black bears by storing food in bear-proof containers when camping

