

Alabama's Black Bear



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American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*)

- Black bears can be seen potentially anywhere in Alabama.
- About 85 percent of their diet consists of fruits, nuts, and seeds.
- Mating season occurs from late May to early August.
- Male black bears travel great distances during late spring and summer searching for mates.

Safety Tips

- Do not feed bears! It is dangerous for bears to become accustomed to humans.
- Secure household wastes in bear-proof containers.
- Keep outdoor grills and grilling areas clean.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE



If You Encounter a Bear

- Never run! Stay calm, slowly back up, and walk away.
- Make yourself big. Wave your hands above your head, use an assertive voice, make noise, or clap your hands.



It is **ILLEGAL** to shoot, harm, or harass black bears in Alabama.



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For additional information about black bears, visit:

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources-Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division
(www.outdooralabama.com/black-bear/alabama-black-bears)
or **BearWise** (www.bearwise.org).

Report observations to the DCNR Black Bear Observation page at <https://game.dcnr.alabama.gov/BlackBear>
or contact your local biologist at a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office at www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-section.

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