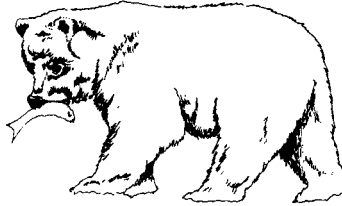


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# Brown Bear/ Grizzly Bear



Scientific name: *Ursus arctos*

Grizzlies are a subspecies of the brown bear. They prefer regions punctuated by river valleys, mountain forests, and open meadows. They have a stout and rather chunky shape, with a large hump of fat and muscle over the shoulders. They can stand 6 to 8 feet tall.



**STATUS:** Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 in Alaska's Kodiak National Wildlife refuge; fewer than 900 brown bears in the United States' lower 48 states.



**DIET IN THE WILD:** Grasses, roots, moss, bulbs, berries, tubers, and fish. It also eats insects, carrion, and a variety of mammals.  
**ZOO DIET:** Omnivore pellets, carrots, apples, Western Plateau.



**FUN FACTS:** In the Rocky Mountains, grizzly bears often are seen with white frosting the long hairs of their shoulders and back, thus giving a grizzled appearance and the common name grizzly, or silvertip.