

# Bear ID Card

Black Bear	Grizzly Bear
 <p>Front claw 1-2" long</p>	 <p>Front claw 2-4" long</p>
<p>Front track</p> <p>No prominent shoulder hump</p>	<p>Front track</p> <p>Shoulder hump</p>
<p>Tall ears</p> <p>Straight face profile</p>	<p>Short rounded ears</p> <p>Dished face profile</p>
 <p>Short claws</p>	 <p>Long claws</p>

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**Look for a combination of characteristics**

Know your bears—look for a combination of characteristics.

## Black Bear

- **Color** varies from blond to black.
- **No distinctive** shoulder hump.
- **Rump** is higher than front shoulders.
- **Face profile** is straight.
- **Ears** are tall.
- **Front claws** are 1-2 inches long and curved to facilitate climbing. Claw marks **are not** usually visible in tracks.


## Grizzly Bear

- **Color** varies from blond to black.
- **Distinctive** shoulder hump.
- **Rump** is lower than shoulder hump.
- **Face profile** appears dished in.
- **Ears** are short and rounded.
- **Front claws** are 2-4 inches long, depending on the amount of digging the bear does, and are slightly curved. Claw marks **are usually** visible in tracks.

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