



WILD BEAR CHALLENGE



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Which do not eat meat? _____

Which species roam wild in the United States? _____

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Answer Key

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SPECIES NAME	Brown	Polar	Sun	American Black
Habitat	forests	artic ice and snow	forests	forests
Food	omnivore	carnivore	omnivore	omnivore
Location	western Canada, Alaska, four NW US states	Canada, Alaska, Norway, Russia, Greenland	southeast Asia	most of Canada, thirty-two states, northern Mexico
Size	up to 9'6"	up to 8'5"	4-5 ft.	4'2"-6'3"
Weight	300-860 lbs.	440-1,760 lbs.	60-145 lbs.	220-440 lbs.

SPECIES NAME	Spectacled	Sloth	Giant Panda	Asian Black
Habitat	forests	grasslands and forests	bamboo forests of China	heavy forests
Food	herbivore	omnivore (mostly termites)	herbivore (bamboo)	omnivore
Location	Andes mountains (NW South America)	India and nearby countries	China	southeast Asia
Size	5-6'	5-6'3"	5'3"-6'4"	4'2"-6'2"
Weight	150-250 lbs.	175-310 lbs.	up to 275 lbs.	220-440 lbs.

Which species is heaviest? Polar bears Largest? Brown bears

Which species do not eat plants? Polar bears

Which do not eat meat? Pandas, Spectacled bears

Which species roam wild in the United States? American Black, Brown, Polar bears

Is the koala a bear? No, it is a marsupial