

HAVE YOU SEEN A BLACK BEAR?

If you have seen a black bear in Missouri, the Department of Conservation would like your help.

Black bears were once common in Missouri forests. By 1880, they were nearly extinct because of overharvest and loss of habitat. Occasional reports of bears in the Bootheel region continued through 1931.

Today, black bears are considered rare in Missouri and they are protected by state law. Their numbers are slowly increasing and sightings are becoming more common in the southern half of the state.

The Department of Conservation tracks black bear sightings to get a better understanding of their distribution and abundance. Your report of a sighting is extremely important to this study. We are interested in knowing the location, date and any circumstances surrounding your observation.



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS EFFORT!



Fill out report and e-mail to Jeff.Beringer@mdc.mo.gov
 Or mail form to: Missouri Department of Conservation, 1110 S. College Ave., Columbia, MO 65201

MISSOURI BLACK BEAR SIGHTING REPORT		
DATE OF SIGHTING: Month / Day / Year		Time of Observation: <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
Number of bears seen:	Cubs present? (Choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, how many cubs?
LOCATION OF SIGHTING:	County name:	
Town/Range/Section or Coordinates (if known):		
Distance and direction to nearest town:		
Distance and direction to nearest major road(s):		
Additional information about your bear sighting:		
Observer's name:	Address:	Phone:
Report submitted by:	Address:	Phone: