

Black Bear or Grizzly Bear: Can You Tell the Difference?

Black bears and grizzly bears can look alike, but they are really quite different. Black bears are usually black to light blonde in color. They may have a light patch on their chest. Large males weigh about 400 pounds and stand about 5 feet tall. Black bears have short claws. Their tracks show the toes slightly separated.

Grizzly bears are usually medium to dark brown. Their fur is often lighter in color at the tips. Large males may weigh more than 800 pounds and stand 6 1/2 feet tall. A grizzly bear's tracks show the marks of its long claws.



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