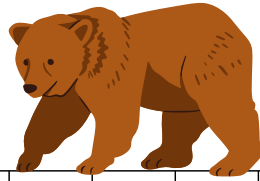


Grizzly Bears

Ursus arctos horribilis



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KEYSTONE

Grizzly bears are a keystone species, meaning they help keep the whole ecosystem balanced

ROOTS

Grizzlies dig up roots for food, helping turn over soil and spread nutrients

WILD

Keeping bears wild means not feeding them and respecting their natural behaviour

EXTIRPATED

Grizzlies are extirpated, meaning they are 'locally extinct' in the prairies of Alberta

ROAM

Grizzlies roam large areas, so they need connected habitats to stay healthy

THREATENED

In Alberta, grizzly bears are listed as threatened due to habitat loss and human activity

DEN

Bears spend winter in dens where they hibernate to conserve energy

HABITAT

Protecting forests and mountains helps ensure grizzlies have safe places to live

GRIZZLY

Grizzly bears 'Ursus arctos horribilis' are an important part of Alberta's ecosystems

HIBERNATION

During hibernation, bears survive off stored fat and do not eat or drink

APEX

As apex predators, grizzlies help control animal populations and keep ecosystems balanced

OMNIVORE

Grizzlies eat both plants and animals. Being flexible helps them survive

CUBS

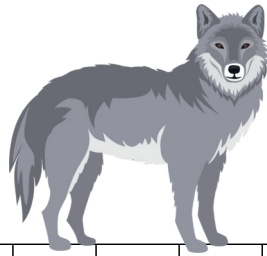
Grizzlies reproduce very slowly, and threatened populations take time to recover

BERRIES

Bears eat lots of berries, spreading seeds across the landscape

Wolves

Canis lupus



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WOLF

In Alberta, wolves 'Canis lupus' live in the boreal forest, foothills, and Rocky Mountain regions

APEX

As apex predators, wolves keep ecosystems healthy and balanced

FAMILY

Wolf packs are tight-knit families that care for and protect each other, showing emotions like grief

PACK

Wolves live, hunt and play in family packs with their offspring, working together as a team

CARNIVORE

Wolves eat meat, relying on healthy prey populations to survive

SCAVENGERS

By feeding on remains, wolves help clean up and recycle nutrients back into the ecosystem

HOWL

Wolves howl to find each other and defend their territory

PREY

Wolves mainly hunt animals like deer and elk for food

KEYSTONE

Wolves are a keystone species, meaning they protect and shape the environment around them

PUPS

Wolf pups are raised by the whole pack, not just their parents

DEN

Wolves raise their pups in dens during the early months

COMMUNICATION

Wolves use sounds, body language, and scent to communicate

INTELLIGENT

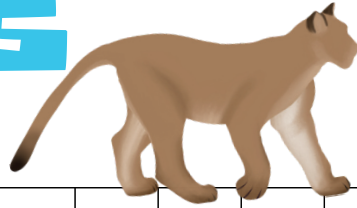
Wolves are very smart animals that solve problems and cooperate as a team

HABITAT

As wolf habitat shrinks, we must protect wild spaces to ensure wolves have room to live and hunt

COUGARS

Puma concolor



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CHIRP

Cougars chirp to communicate, especially with their young. Females give birth to 2-3 kittens every 2-3 years

STRONG

Cougars can reach speeds of 65 km/h. They are highly muscular and skilled climbers

HABITAT

Cougars rely on connected habitat to avoid people, but their habitat is disappearing because of human expansion

STEALTHY

Their tan-brown fur and pale underbelly provide excellent camouflage, while their soft paws allow for silent movement

KEYSTONE

Cougars are a keystone species meaning they play a vital role in maintaining ecosystem health and biodiversity

SHY

Cougars are solitary creatures except when mating or when females are raising young. They actively avoid humans and are rarely seen

APEX

Cougars are apex predators, they are only hunted by humans

COUGAR

Cougars 'Puma concolor' are born with spotted coats to camouflage in their environment. The spots fade after about 6 months

PREDATOR

Cougars act as critical, top-tier predators. They are great hunters

POUNCE

Cougars can jump 40-45 feet in one leap from a sitting position. That's about the size of a big school bus

CARNIVORE

Cougars are carnivores. Their main food are deer, elk, moose, and smaller animals like coyotes or rodents

FELINE

Cougars are members of the cat family (Felidae) and are classified as the largest of the "small cats"

MOUNTAIN LION

Cougars won the Guinness World Record for the mammal with the most names. They have 83 in total