



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION **BEAR WISE FACT SHEET**



Deer Feeders

Do not place deer feeders within 80 yards of residence.



Human-Bear Conflict

Contact appropriate ODWC personnel or the local Sheriff's office immediately.



Food Attractants

Common attractants involved in human-bear conflicts include deer corn feeders, pet food, livestock food, birdseed feeders, hummingbird feeders, unsecured garbage, chickens and other small livestock, bee hives/apiaries.

Oklahoma Bear Hunting Counties

Bear hunting during open seasons is allowed in portions of southeastern counties located east of US Highway 69 and south of Interstate 40. These counties include:

Atoka	Latimer	Muskogee
Bryan	LeFlore	Pittsburg
Choctaw	McCurtain	Pushmataha
Haskell	McIntosh	Sequoyah



An Oklahoma black bear diet consists of:

80% vegetable/fruit

15% insect

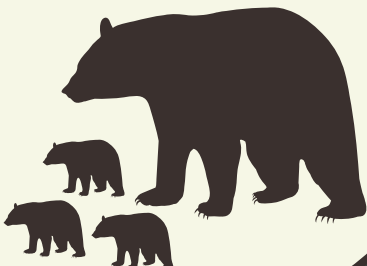
5% small animal, reptiles and eggs

2009 was the first year that Oklahoma had an open bear season

Black bears are a native species to Oklahoma that through overharvest and habitat destruction were removed from the Oklahoma landscape by the early 1900s

AVOID

bears that have cubs with them



When/Where are Human-Bear Conflicts Most Likely to Occur?

May is typically when bear reports begin coming in. These reports are weighted toward yearling, male bears that have just been kicked away from their mom and are trying to avoid mature males, find their own home range and keep their bellies full too.

June & July may see a small drop in the number of calls because natural soft mast like blueberries & blackberries are becoming abundant.

August is typically a high month for reports as soft mast sources diminish and grasses and other vegetation dry out or become unpalatable.



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