



Black bears occur throughout California mountainous regions, usually above an elevation of 3,000 feet. The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) estimates a population of 30,000 black bears in the state. DFG has recorded only 12 “bear attacks” since 1980. The black bear is not on the endangered species list and has been classified as a game mammal since 1948. The last known Grizzly bear in California was killed in 1922 by a Fresno County rancher.

For additional information about black bear safety, go to the Clover Safe note at:
<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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