

## Black Bear Fact Sheet

Black bears range throughout most of Manitoba but are only occasional visitors of the major agricultural area in the southwest. The greatest densities are found in the Duck Mountain area, Porcupine Hills, Riding Mountain National Park, the Interlake and the southeastern corner of Manitoba. Manitoba's population is estimated at 25,000 - 30,000 bears. The species is managed to maintain population numbers which allow for activities such as hunting, trapping, viewing, photography and biological study to take place while minimizing risks to public safety and property. Black bears can be a concern for farmers, beekeepers and persons participating in outdoor recreation due to risks to property and safety.



The overall harvest of bears is being kept at sustainable levels, more recently through improved monitoring of their populations.

