

Co-existing with the Urban Black Bear

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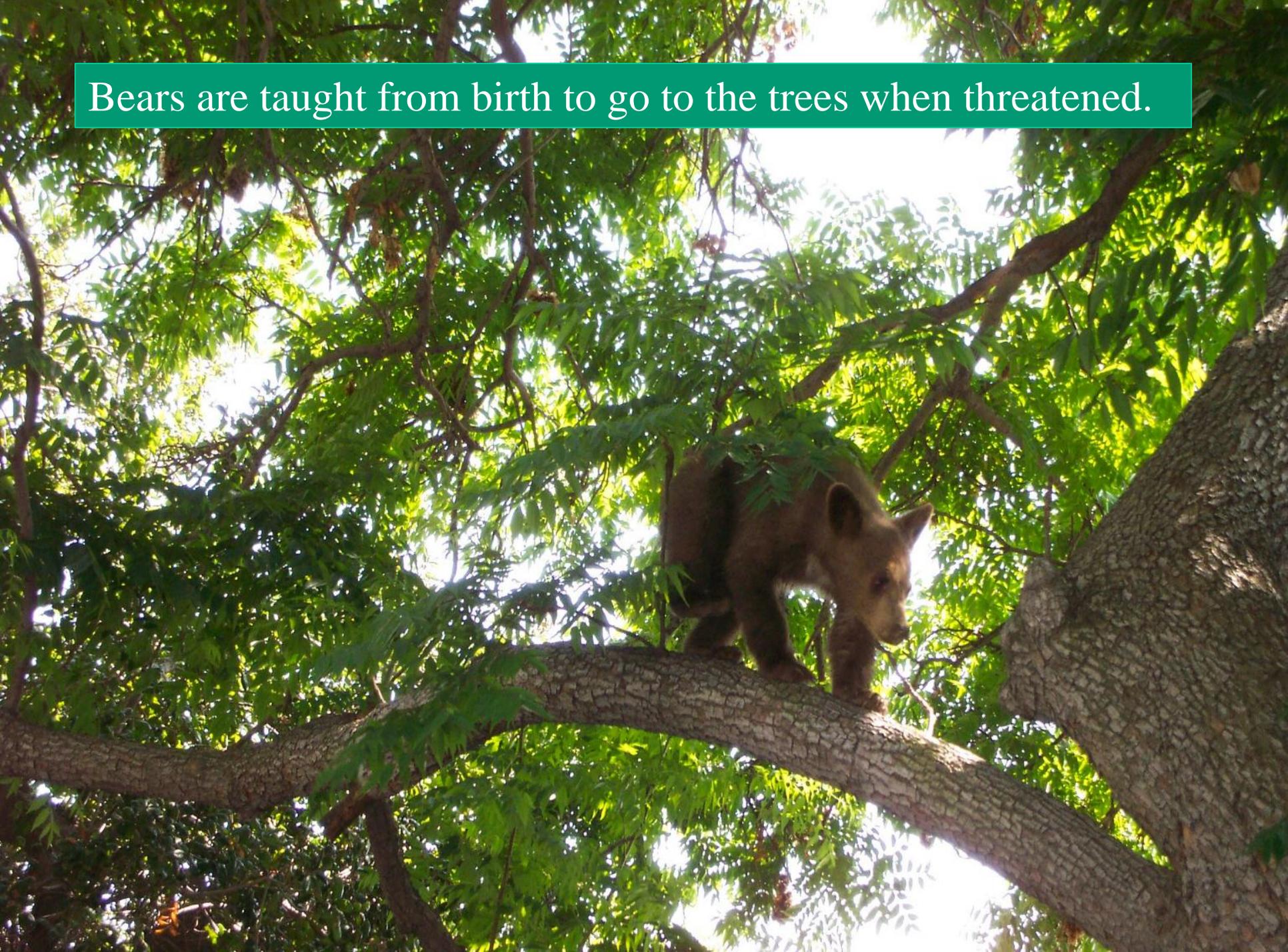
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Understanding Bear Behavior.
What are the real problems?
What can we do?

Bears are taught from birth to go to the trees when threatened.



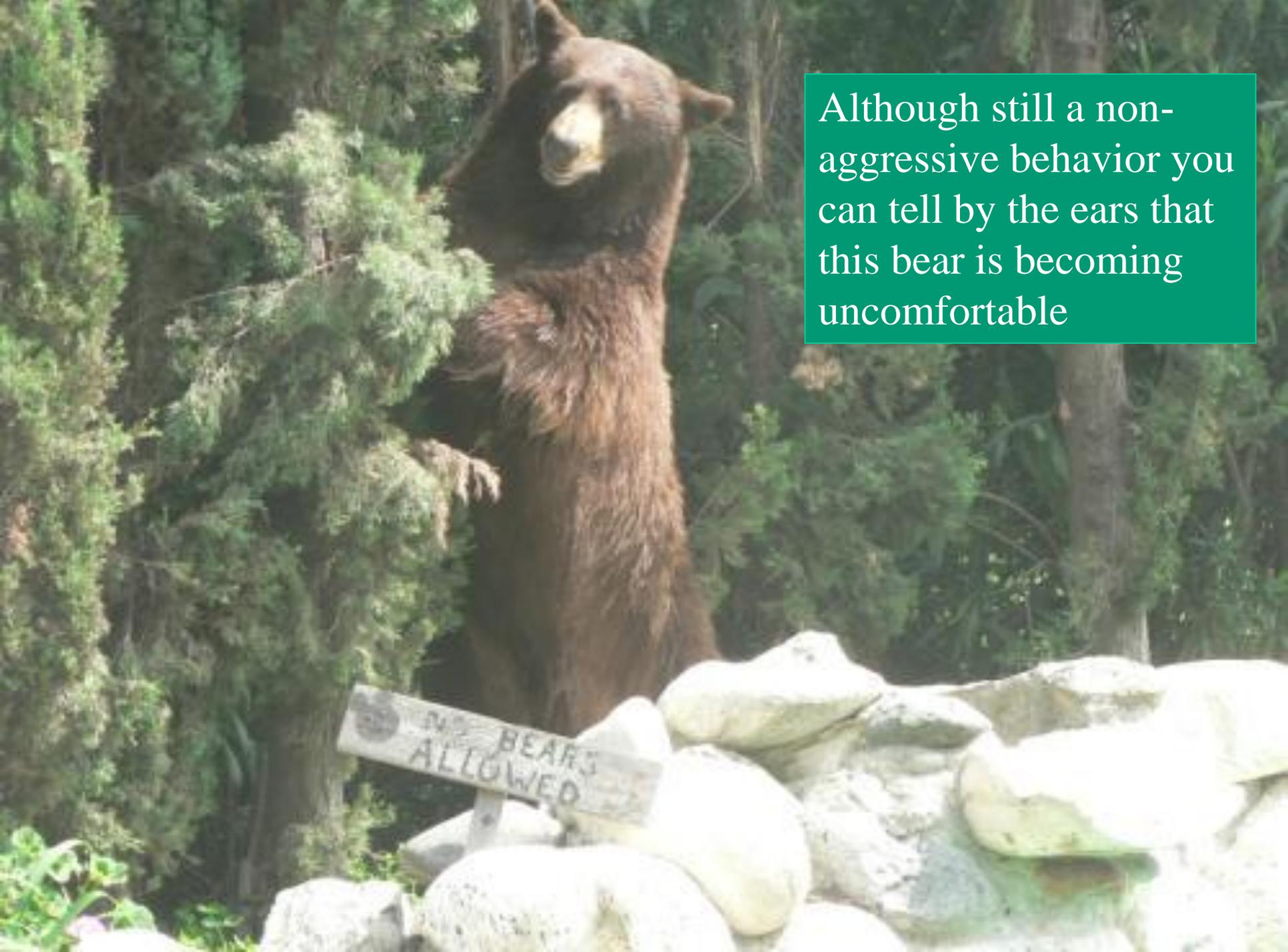




Non-aggressive behavior
This is a sign of Curiosity
and Interest. Ears are up.



Non-aggressive behavior
This bear is comfortable
in its surrounding,
showing no concerns.

A photograph of a brown bear standing on its hind legs in a forest. The bear is looking towards the camera. In the foreground, there is a wooden sign that says "NO BEARS ALLOWED" leaning against a pile of rocks. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

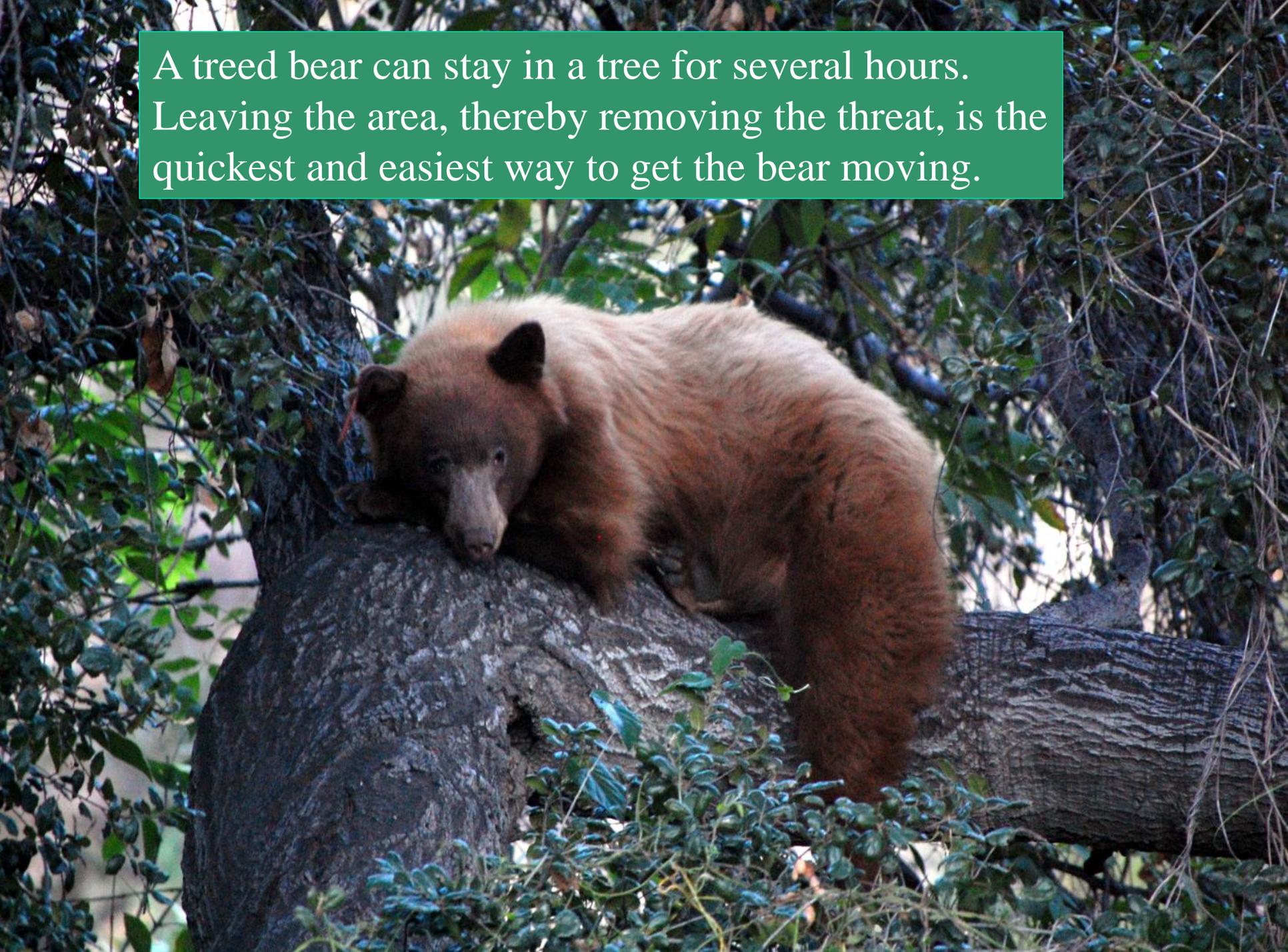
Although still a non-aggressive behavior you can tell by the ears that this bear is becoming uncomfortable



95 % of the time this will be a bluff charge where the bear will stop short and run past in an effort to intimidate the intruder and scare them away.



A treed bear can stay in a tree for several hours. Leaving the area, thereby removing the threat, is the quickest and easiest way to get the bear moving.

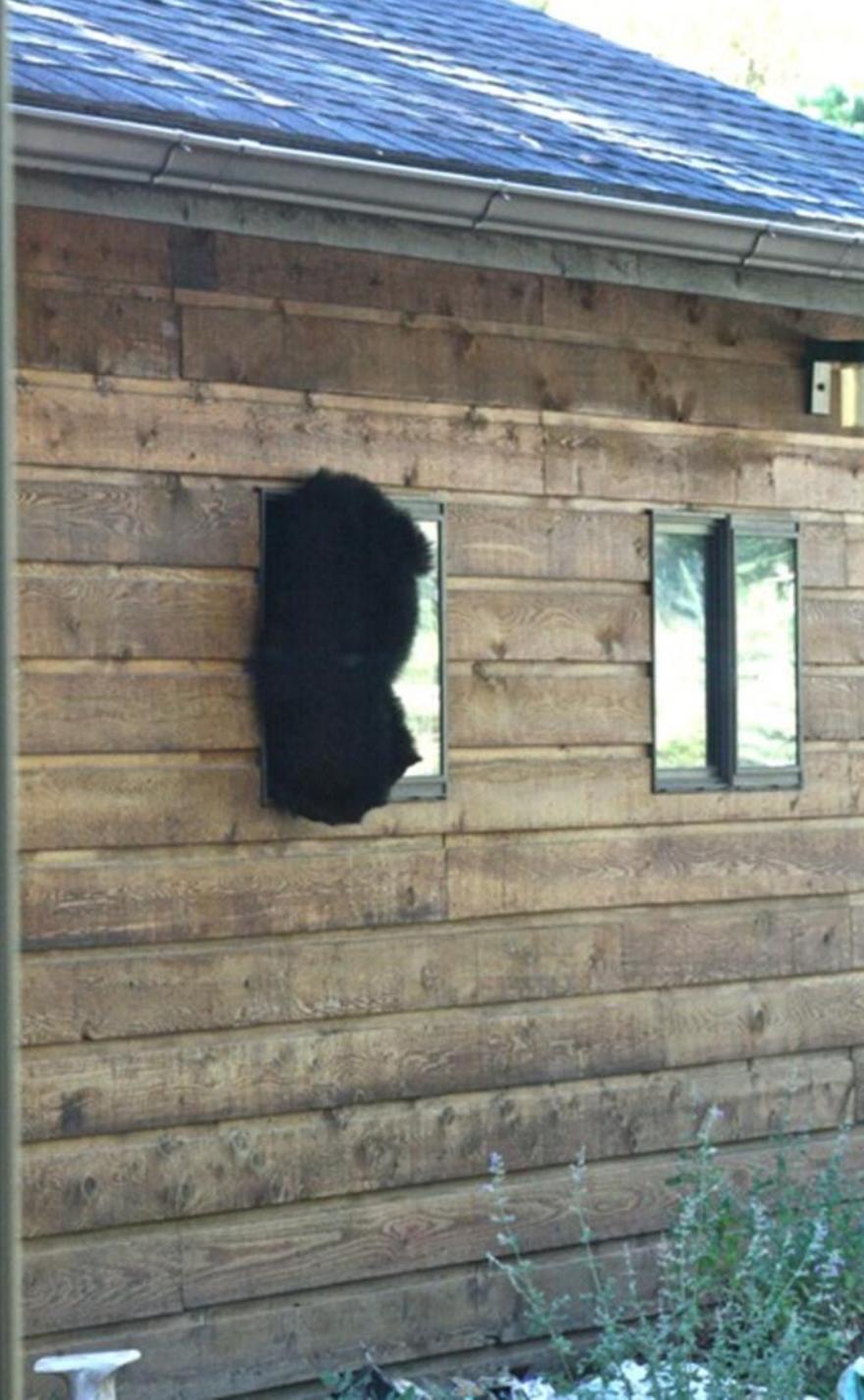




Motivated by food.
Spring resurgence after hibernation
Females must gain weight in order
for egg implantation.
Hyperphagia in the Fall.









Bear Problems

Fear based – Belief that bears are aggressive.

Attractants – Garbage, fruit trees, bird feeders, etc.

Property damage – broken doors, windows, pool cleaners, outdoor freezers, fences, etc.

Habituation – Allowing the bear to feel safe and welcome in your territory.

















What can we do?



KEEP ME WILD™

Stash Your Food and Trash

Black bears, coyotes and other wildlife may be your neighbors here.

- Store garbage in bear-proof containers
- Or store garbage in your garage until pick-up
- Keep food indoors or in airtight and odor-free containers
- Put away picnic leftovers; clean BBQ grills
- Keep pet food and bird feeders away
- Pick up fallen tree fruit
- Remove cosmetic fragrances and other attractants
- Install or request bear-proof trash containers

Feeding bears is dead wrong.
It's also against the law.

Allowing wild animals access to human food and garbage can be deadly. Wild animals naturally fear people, keep a distance, and will not bother you, so long as they remain truly wild. But if they have access to human food and garbage, they want more. Their natural ways are ruined. Their normal wildness and fear of humans is lost. That's when conflicts occur.

Keep them wild.

If in doubt about what to do, ask your local Fish and Game warden, park ranger, law enforcement officer, garbage collection company, or town council. Or visit our website:

www.KeepMeWild.org



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Stop habituation
Remove the attractants
Defend your territory





Intentional feeding will sign a bears death warrant.
“A feed bear is a dead bear”

City of Duarte Municipal Code – Title 8 Animals

8.04.865 - Feeding of wildlife prohibited.

(a) No person shall feed or in any manner provide food for one or more non-domesticated mammalian wildlife, including but not limited to bears, deer, mountain lions, coyotes, raccoons, opossum, mice, rats, skunks, squirrels, or feral cats.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), this section shall not apply to the feeding of any non-domesticated mammalian by the owner of such animal when the non-domesticated mammalian is kept under a valid certificate or permit issued by the State of California Department of Fish and Game.

(Ord. No. 827, § 4, 2-22-2011)



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AND PRESS
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Any type of food reward will be remembered by the bear and they will return to check the area for several weeks after.







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Bears will make use of artificial dens to sleep during the day. Exclude access.





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The End

