Key to Brown Bear Identification

Aquired (A) **Trait** Inherited (I)? Body shape and size All brown bears have a shoulder hump. Most bears carry more weight in their shoulder area. Note if one carries more weight in its hind quarters. Over the summer, bears can eat enough to gain 1 kilogram (over 2 pounds) in 1 day. Head shape and size The shape of a bear's muzzle (nose) can be long or short pointed or blunt stepped or straight from the forehead short, blunt, straight from long, pointed, stepped from forehead forehead





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The size of a bear's eyes can be large or small	small eyes large eyes	I
 A bear's ears can be large or small triangular or oval upright or flopped over 	large, triangular, upright eyes small, oval, upright ears	I
Note if a bear is missing all or part of an ear.		A
Fur color		
 A bear's fur can be Light or dark Short or shaggy 		I

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Trait

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Scars and wounds

- Scars or wounds are most visible when adult bears shed in the early summer.
 They are usually seen
 - On the face and neck
 - On the back
 - On the sides





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Claw color

 Most bears have dark claws. Note if one has tan-tipped or white claws.





dark claws

tan-tipped claws

Fishing techniques

- Note how a bear tries to catch salmon, and whether it does
 - With its mouth
 - With its claws
 - While sitting
 - While standing
 - While underwater



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