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Topic: : do you carry bear spray?

Re: do you carry bear spray?

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pcray1231 wrote:

That list of largest black bears is largest skulls. When I taught HS, I had a student who shot a 816 pounder, and it was the 3rd largest in PA that year. A worldwide top 20 list which goes down to 604 lbs is either highly flawed or is measuring something else. In this case, skull size, not animal weight.

That may all be true, but when I was a kid, if someone claimed to have shot an 800 lb black bear, I would have laughed at them. Especially in PA. It was unheard of. 400+ lbs was large. 500+lbs was big news.

These 800 lb plus bear that we read about now have likely had significant human contact, and likely are landfill bear. Truly wild bear simply do not get that big. At least not in PA.

I have no desire to hunt bear, especially at a landfill or near a dumpster. However, those bear are the ones that end up being the problem bears, so other people shooting them are likely doing us all a favor. I do however reserve the right to laugh at these hunters for their major sporting accomplishment.