
October Bear Report

A Compilation of Bear Sighting and Incident Reports

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Clockwise from upper left: Female and cubs feeding on crabapples outside of Escalante Hall at Fort Lewis College, young bear climbing up onto a two-story deck in town (courtesy: Angie Buchanan), bear sleeping in a backyard on the south side of town (courtesy: Jane Cobb).

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Bear Sighting & Incident Reports

The following summary is a compilation of reports provided by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Bear Smart Durango (BSD) and includes unconfirmed sightings and incidents as reported by the public. The information is only as reliable as the accuracy (dates and/or rough block addresses) of reporting allows. The number of reports are not indicative of the number of bears as multiple reports could be attributed to individual animals.

Total Reports

| MONTH | TOTAL |
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| MAR | 2 |
| APR | 5 |
| MAY | 47 |
| JUN | 150 |
| JUL | 241 |
| AUG | 590 |
| SEP | 333 |
| OCT | 133 |

Bear In Trash Reports in Total

| MONTH | BEAR IN TRASH REPORTS | CITY | COUNTY |
|-------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| MAR | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| APR | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| MAY | 23 | 19 | 4 |
| JUN | 108 | 103 | 5 |
| JUL | 169 | 153 | 16 |
| AUG | 264 | 233 | 31 |
| SEP | 232 | 223 | 9 |
| OCT | 99 | 97 | 2 |

Year to Date: Total Reports and Bear in Trash Reports

| TOTAL REPORTS |
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| 1501 |

| TOTAL BEAR IN TRASH REPORTS | CITY | COUNTY |
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| 898 | 829 | 69 |

Bear Sighting & Incident Reports - October

| DATE | ADDRESS | DESCRIPTION | FROM |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|------|
| Oct 1, 2012 | 1200 blk E 2nd Ave | bear hanging out | CPW |
| Oct 1, 2012 | Timberline View | bear dragging hind leg | CPW |
| Oct 1, 2012 | 2000 block Borrego Dr | bear seen | CPW |
| Oct 1, 2012 | FLC chapel | sow and 2 cubs seen | CPW |
| Oct 2, 2012 | 1700 blk Crestview | "cub" climbed up on balcony | BSD |
| Oct 2, 2012 | 700 blk Wildcat | bear knocking over empty trash cans | BSD |
| Oct 3, 2012 | Hermosa Valley Trailer Park | bear on roof | CPW |
| Oct 3, 2012 | 1800 blk W 18th St | bear strewn trash in yard | BSD |
| Oct 3, 2012 | 40 blk Animas Pl | bear passing thru yard | BSD |
| Oct 3, 2012 | 90 blk Riverview Dr | bear dragged neighbors trash into yard, damaged fence | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 3200 blk Main Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 200 blk W 24th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 200 blk W 21st St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 2500 blk Columbine | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 1000 blk E 3rd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 400 blk E 10 St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 400 blk E 10th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 700 blk E 8th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 4, 2012 | 200 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 2800 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 100 blk W 30th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 3000 blk Main Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 3000 blk E 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 3000 blk E 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 2600 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 2400 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 500 blk E 8th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 300 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 400 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 400 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 300 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 300 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 5, 2012 | 300 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 1700 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 100 blk W 18th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 3200 blk W Main Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 3100 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 100 blk E Park | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 1000 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 6, 2012 | 700 blk E 8th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |

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| Oct 6, 2012 | 700 blk E College | bear in trash | BSD |
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| Oct 6, 2012 | 700 blk E College | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 1700 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 100 blk W 18th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 100 blk E Park | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 1000 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 400 blk E 10th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 900 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 800 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 800 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 800 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 400 blk E 8th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 400 blk E 8th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 400 blk E 7th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 400 blk College | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 600 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 600 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 500 blk E 8th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | 500 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 8, 2012 | Primrose Cir | bear eating sunflower seeds | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 100 block W 31st St | bear scat in yard | CPW |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 100 block Metz Lane | bear with injured leg in yard | CPW |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 200 block E 7th Ave | bear in back yard | CPW |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 500 block E 6th Ave | bear ran through yard | CPW |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 2600 blk Junction St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 2400 blk Columbine | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 2400 blk Columbine | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 2400 blk Columbine | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 600 blk E 9th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 700 blk E 6th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 700 blk E 8th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 700 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 700 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 800 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 400 blk E 9th Ave | bear in trash, resident saw bear | BSD |
| Oct 10, 2012 | 900 blk E 3rd St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 11, 2012 | 800 block E 32nd St | bear in area | CPW |
| Oct 12, 2012 | Riverview Dr | bear seen | CPW |
| Oct 15, 2012 | W 22nd St | bear in hanging out in yard | CPW |
| Oct 15, 2012 | 700 block Plymouth Dr | bear on roof | CPW |
| Oct 16, 2012 | 1000 block E 5th Ave | bear in apple tree | CPW |
| Oct 16, 2012 | 2000 block W 3rd Ave | bear killed chickens | CPW |
| Oct 16, 2012 | 600 block Indian Bend Rd | 2 bears eating pinon nuts on property | CPW |

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| Oct 16, 2012 | 1000 blk E 5th Ave | cub eating apples in backyard | BSD |
| Oct 16, 2012 | 33100 blk US HWY 160 | dead bear near road | BSD |
| Oct 16, 2012 | 7900 blk CR 203 | bear eating fruit in yard | BSD |
| Oct 16, 2012 | Fort Lewis College | multiple bears spotted on campus, bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 4000 block CR 240 | bear into trash all summer | CPW |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 2300 blk Columbine | bear killed six chickens | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 2000 blk Main Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 2200 blk W 3rd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 2800 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 2800 blk W 2nd Ave | bear into recycling container | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 1100 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 1000 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 400 blk E 10th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 400 blk E 10th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 800 blk E 4th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 17, 2012 | 300 blk E 8th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 19, 2012 | FLC campus | sow and 2 cubs seen multiple times | CPW |
| Oct 21, 2012 | 1200 blk Florida Rd | bear seen, in trash multiple nights | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | Richard Dr | bear seen, in trash multiple nights | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 3300 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 3100 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 900 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 400 blk E 9th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 800 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 700 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 700 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 600 blk E 4th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 22, 2012 | 200 blk E 6th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 23, 2012 | 100 block W 31st St | bear eating crab apples | CPW |
| Oct 23, 2012 | FLC campus | sow and two cubs seen | BSD |
| Oct 24, 2012 | 2000 block Eastlawn | bear in back yard | CPW |
| Oct 25, 2012 | FLC campus | sow and two cubs eating crabapples | BSD |
| Oct 25, 2012 | Richard Dr | bear seen, in trash | BSD |
| Oct 26, 2012 | 200 blk W 28th St | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 26, 2012 | 3100 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 26, 2012 | 3300 blk W 2nd Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 26, 2012 | 2000 blk Delwood | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 28, 2012 | 100 blk E 7th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 29, 2012 | behind Three Springs area | two bears seen, unknown date of sighting | CPW |
| Oct 29, 2012 | 1100 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 29, 2012 | 900 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 29, 2012 | 900 blk E 6th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 29, 2012 | 800 blk E 5th Ave | bear in trash | BSD |
| Oct 30, 2012 | near skate park | bear seen | CPW |

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| Oct 30, 2012 | 2400 blk W 3rd Ave | bear seen just walking around | BSD |
| Oct 30, 2012 | Camino del Rio | bear crossed road near River City Hall | BSD |
| Oct 31, 2012 | 1000 block N Tamarack Dr | bear in trash | CPW |
| Oct 31, 2012 | Earl St | bear broke into coop for poultry | BSD |
| Oct 31, 2012 | Fort Lewis College | mom and two cubs trapped and removed | BSD |



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