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# Bob Watson Photography

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*Featured Photograph No. 1*

Sow Black Bear With Two (2) Yearling Cubs, British Columbia, *Canada*

*My last Newsletter related to my spring trip across the northern United States, through western Canada and into Alaska. I'd like to continue with a little more about that trip. We observed a lot of wildlife throughout the trip. After all, we covered almost 6,000 miles and much of it was wilderness.*

*For years I've photographed the Grizzly Bear and have many good examples on my website in the "Bear" category. I'd also from time to time photographed the Black Bear, but never had captured what I thought was the right lighting and pose. Although I'm always looking for wildlife to photograph and/or that unique landscape, one goal of this trip was to photograph the Black Bear. I knew I'd be spending a lot of time in and around their prime habitat (deep dense forests with adequate water and food sources, and lots of room to roam).*

*I wasn't disappointed. Throughout the trip, we observed 35 different Black Bear and I was able to photograph six (6). Of course, not all shots were great, but I was pleased with my overall success.*

*I thought you might enjoy a few interesting Black Bear facts:*

*1) Are found only in North America*

*2) Are considered highly efficient hibernators. They can survive for months (up to 7 months in the northern ranges) without eating, drinking, urinating or defecating*

*3) Are very intelligent, curious and have excellent long-term memory*

*4) Males (boars) may wander 15 to 80 square miles*

*5) Felmales (sows) can give birth to 1 to 3 cubs every other year or so. The cubs generally stay with their mother for 2 years*

*6) Run up to 35 miles per hour*

*7) Live in the wild for 25 years or more if not killed by hunters*

*8) They're powerful animals and should always be treated with caution and respect. However, most injuries occur when people try to feed, pet or crowd them. Generally, they want nothing to do with people and will avoid confrontation.*

*At the time of year I observed these Black Bear, they had just come out of hibernation and hadn't eaten in months. They were hungry and were concentrating on eating. Featured Photograph No. 1 above of a sow Black Bear and her two yearling cubs was taken when they were feverously eating the thick spring vegetation. Although most of the time they had their heads buried, all three surprised me and looked up at once, as if they were posing after I said, "say cheese".*

*I'd observed the boar Black Bear in Featured Photograph No. 2 below for at least an hour. He also was continuously eating and finally decided to lie down and rest.*

*You may view some other photographs from this recent trip on my website by clicking here on the new category, Canadian Rockies or New Images. More images in the category of "Canadian Rockies" will be added later when time permits.*

*Featured Photograph No. 2*

*Boar Black Bear, British Columbia, Canada*

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