

Table 1. Number of bear sightings^a and observations of bear sign reported in Yellowstone National Park, 1980 – 2011^b.

Year	Grizzly Bear		Black Bears		Unidentified Species of Bear		Total
	Sightings ^c	Sign ^d	Sightings ^c	Sign ^d	Sightings ^c	Sign ^d	
2011	856	104	800	8	32	51	1,851
2010	1,096	184	756	14	37	67	2,154
2009	923	165	776	10	31	119	2,024
2008	1,038	205	846	15	43	104	2,251
2007	1,527	142	673	7	39	126	2,514
2006	1,134	119	607	7	46	56	1,969
2005	892	76	622	6	32	45	1,673
2004	1,272	102	938	12	42	32	2,398
2003	882	124	647	12	46	60	1,771
2002	920	80	662	7	54	12	1,735
2001	566	44	421	5	32	28	1,096
2000	587	100	422	11	55	49	1,224
1999	789	226	353	68	53	53	1,542
1998	736	202	482	55	61	68	1,604
1997	581	57	463	17	49	130	1,297
1996	611	76	373	17	50	51	1,178
1995	796	86	546	20	106	54	1,608
1994	704	95	795	16	137	82	1,829
1993	533	111	668	33	95	93	1,533
1992	455	85	536	33	87	37	1,233
1991	356	121	490	31	80	44	1,122
1990	471	96	549	21	88	46	1,271
1989	553	131	575	38	88	71	1,456
1988	659	133	753	45	135	77	1,802
1987	653	106	696	27	160	96	1,738
1986	841	109	754	34	172	92	2,002
1985	708	43	496	10	166	62	1,485
1984	704	53	451	9	125	74	1,416
1983	318	42	470	14	132	32	1,008
1982	339	21	506	10	101	20	997
1981	371	20	447	5	114	19	976
1980	278	6	337	3	103	15	742

^a The number of bear sightings reported each year is dependent upon park visitation, observer effort, the number of on-going bear-related research projects, availability of preferred bear foods, weather patterns, and other factors.

^b In 1993, the bear sighting reporting system was entered into a computer database allowing computer tallying of the data. Bear sighting summaries from previous years were hand tallied and therefore may differ from these updated numbers.

^c Multiple bears observed together, such as females with cubs or mating pairs, are recorded as one bear sighting report. Multiple reports obviously representing the same bear on the same day were also recorded as one sighting.

^d Sign includes tracks, scats, feeding sites, day beds, and den sites.