

Speeding Kills Bears (And Other Wildlife!)

Black bears are one of the most iconic and beloved animals in Yosemite. Unfortunately, for bears, living here comes with some serious drawbacks. One of those is that four million visitors each year means millions of cars on Yosemite's roads; many with distracted drivers, folks who are not familiar with the area, or folks who are excited to get where they are going. **More than 400 bears have been hit by cars in Yosemite since 1995**—and often, collisions with vehicles are fatal to bears.

It is not just bears who face danger on Yosemite's roads: **owls, Pacific fishers, butterflies, rare amphibians like frogs and salamanders; and mammals like deer, foxes, and mountain lions** are also often hit and killed on Yosemite's roads.

If you want to help save wildlife, stay alert! Scan the sides of the road in front of your car and obey posted speed limits. **Talk to your friends about why it is important to drive slowly and pay attention while driving on the roads in Yosemite!**

