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MDC reminds people to "Be Bear Aware" by not feeding bears

As summer turns to fall, Missouri's estimated 350 native black bears enter a phase called hyperphagia which they eat heavily, accumulating a layer of fat that results in a 30 percent weight gain preparing them for hibernation. In preparation for hibernation, bears eat a wide variety of food including grasses and forbs, berries, ants, bees and wasps, beetles, crickets, fish, frogs, small rodents and other small animals. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people to "Be Bear Aware" by not feeding bears and providing potential sources of food.

"A fed bear is a dead bear," said MDC Wildlife Management Coordinator Alan Leary. "Feeding bears makes them comfortable around people and the places they associate with food from people, such as campsites, yards, and trash containers. When bears lose their fear of people by being fed, they may defend these food sources or territory. This can make them dangerous. When this happens, the bear has to be destroyed."

Leary added a fed bear that becomes a problem in one place cannot be relocated to another.

"Once a bear associates people with food, its life is ruined," Leary said. "Even if it is relocated, it will go

in search of other places to get food from people, such as homes, residential areas, farms, and campsites. Common temptations include pet food or trash left outdoors, dirty grills or smokers, birdseed or other food at wildlife feeders, food at campsites, and gardens and orchards."

Avoid Attracting Black Bears

MDC offers these tips to avoid attracting black bears to possible food sources:

Don't leave pet food sitting outside. Feed pets a portion they'll eat at each meal and remove the empty containers.

Store garbage, recyclables, and compost inside a secure building or in a bear-proof container until the day of trash pick-up.

Keep grills and smokers clean and store them inside.

When camping be sure to keep cooking and cleaning areas separate from sleeping areas.

Only use birdfeeders in bear country (which is primarily south of the Missouri River) when bears are typically hibernating -- from early December through early March -- or hang them at least 10 feet high and four feet away from any structure.

Use electric fencing to keep bears away from beehives, chicken coops, vegetable gardens, orchards, and other potential food

sources.

Keep campsites clean and store all food, toiletries and trash in a secure vehicle or strung high between two trees. Do not burn or bury garbage or food waste.

Report bear sightings by calling MDC at 573-522-4115, ext. 3080 or online at <http://bit.ly/2ya2lhe>.

Avoid Encounters and React Right

While close encounters with bears are uncommon in Missouri, MDC offers this advice when outdoors in black-bear country:

Make noise while walking or hiking to prevent surprising a bear. Clap, sing, or talk loudly.

Travel in a group if possible.

Pay attention to the surroundings and watch for bear sign, such as tracks or claw or bite marks on trees.

Keep dogs leashed.

Leave a bear alone! Do not approach it. Make sure it has an escape route.

If encountering a bear up close, back away slowly with arms raised to look larger. Speak in a calm, loud voice. Do not turn away from the bear. Back away slowly. Do not run.

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When Hunting and Fishing

MDC offers this advice when hunting or fishing in

bear country:

Process or remove fish and game as quickly as possible, and alert others that there is game residue in the area.

Keep a clean camp and store attractants where bears can't access them.

Stay alert and aware of your surroundings while hunting or fishing.

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A native of Missouri, black bears were abundant throughout the state until the late 1800s when they were nearly wiped out from unregulated killing and from habitat loss when Ozark forests were logged.

MDC research shows that a small number of native black bears survived and others from Arkansas moved north into Missouri.

Over time, their numbers increased and continue to do so. Results of ongoing black-bear research by MDC staff and others show that the animals have been sighted in about half the counties in Missouri, primarily south of the Missouri River, with most bears located in the southern

third of the state in the Missouri Ozarks.

For more information on black bears in Missouri, visit the MDC website at <http://bit.ly/2fwaWUA>.

Dahlia puts on dazzling color show as nights begin to cool

When many garden flowers show the ravages of a long and sometimes brutal summer, dahlias are most spectacular, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Fall's warm days and cool nights cause dahlias to produce more flowers with intense, dazzling color, said Trinklein. If you do not already grow them, start planning now for dahlias in your garden next spring.

Dahlia, a member of the aster family, is native to Mexico, where it is the national flower. The Aztecs were growing it when Spanish conquistadors arrived in the 16th century. Spanish botanists brought dahlia and other plants back to Spain.

Early dahlias imported into Europe were of the single-flower type. Hybridization produced the first fully double-flowered forms along with new color combinations. Today, dahlia boasts one of the largest arrays of flower forms, colors and sizes of any cultivated plant. To date, more than 50,000 cultivars have been named and registered.

When most people think of dahlia, the tall types propagated from tuberous roots each year come to mind.

"They are popular for the cutting garden or the back-drop of borders," said Trinklein. But because of their tall stature and large flowers, this type of dahlia requires staking or some other form of support.

Dwarf or bedding dahlias propagated from seed have gained popularity in recent years. Bedding dahlias produce large numbers of small flowers on bushy plants. This makes them ideal for annual beds or the fronts of borders. Although these dahlias also form tuberous storage roots, most gardeners do not save them from year to year because of the ready availability of inexpensive plants each spring, Trinklein said.

Plant dahlias in an airy location where they receive at least six to eight hours of direct sun and protection from high winds. Plant tuberous roots of large types of dahlias about 14 days before the frost-free date for the area. Dahlias can't endure freezing temperatures, so do not set out plants started indoors until the danger of frost has passed.

Dahlias grow well in fertile, well-drained garden soils high in organic matter. If soil lacks organic matter, add up to 4 inches of well-

rotted manure, compost or other forms of organic matter before planting.

Prepare soil by incorporating about one-half cup of a garden fertilizer high in phosphorus and potassium but low in nitrogen (such as 5-10-10) in a 2-foot circle where each plant is to be located. Top-dress with an equal amount of fertilizer in July. Dahlias grow rapidly and need large amounts of water. Keep soil moist but not wet.

Dahlias benefit from pruning. The amount of pruning depends upon the flower's intended use. Prune exhibition-type flowers to one main stem. Pinch plants for lavish garden display after first growth in the spring reaches a height of about a foot. A second pinch after emerging shoots achieve a length of 1 foot delays flowering but makes for a more spectacular display late in the growing season.

Botrytis (gray mold) and powdery mildew are two foliage diseases that affect dahlia. Avoid these diseases by strict sanitation, proper site selection and keeping foliage dry. Fungicides containing thiophanate-methyl also provide effective disease prevention.

Since most gardeners save dahlia's tuberous roots from year to year, viral diseases such as dahlia mosaic virus can occur. Sanitation, insect control and selection of tolerant cultivars control these.

Dig roots and store them each fall after the tops have died back. After digging, wash off remaining soil and allow the roots to dry. Do not dry them in direct sunlight. Separate tuberous roots in the fall by cutting them from the main stem. Allow the portion of the stem attached to the part containing the eyes to remain. Dust cut ends with a fungicide to discourage storage diseases.

You can also leave the whole root system intact and separate the next growing season. Pack the roots in moist peat moss, sawdust or other inert organic material and place in a wooden or cardboard box. Ideal temperature for storing roots is 40-45 F.

Find more information about dahlias and their care on the American Dahlia Society website at www.dahlia.org.

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