

# Nev.'s scariest animals aren't the deadliest

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How dangerous are the 550 black bears in Nevada?

Fears would be understandable after black bears recently mauled four people in Alaska, killing two in separate attacks.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife reports that the biggest perceived wildlife threats are not black bears but rather mountain lions and rattlesnakes. Indeed, the state is home to about 3,000 mountain lions and five species of rattlesnakes. Could either of these be the deadliest wild animals in Nevada?

Or maybe you've read these types of stories before and think the deadliest must be mosquitoes.

If you picked any of the above animals, you'd be wrong.

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