

Rare black bear spotted in mountains west of Los Angeles

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The range hasn't had a resident bear population since the 1800s, when it was home to grizzlies. They're now extinct in California.

Black bears live in nearby mountains such as the Santa Susanas and San Gabriels but are rarely found south of U.S. 101.

The bear was spotted in Malibu Creek State Park. State parks district Superintendent Craig Sap says that if the bear decides to stay, "let's see what we can do to co-exist with it."



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