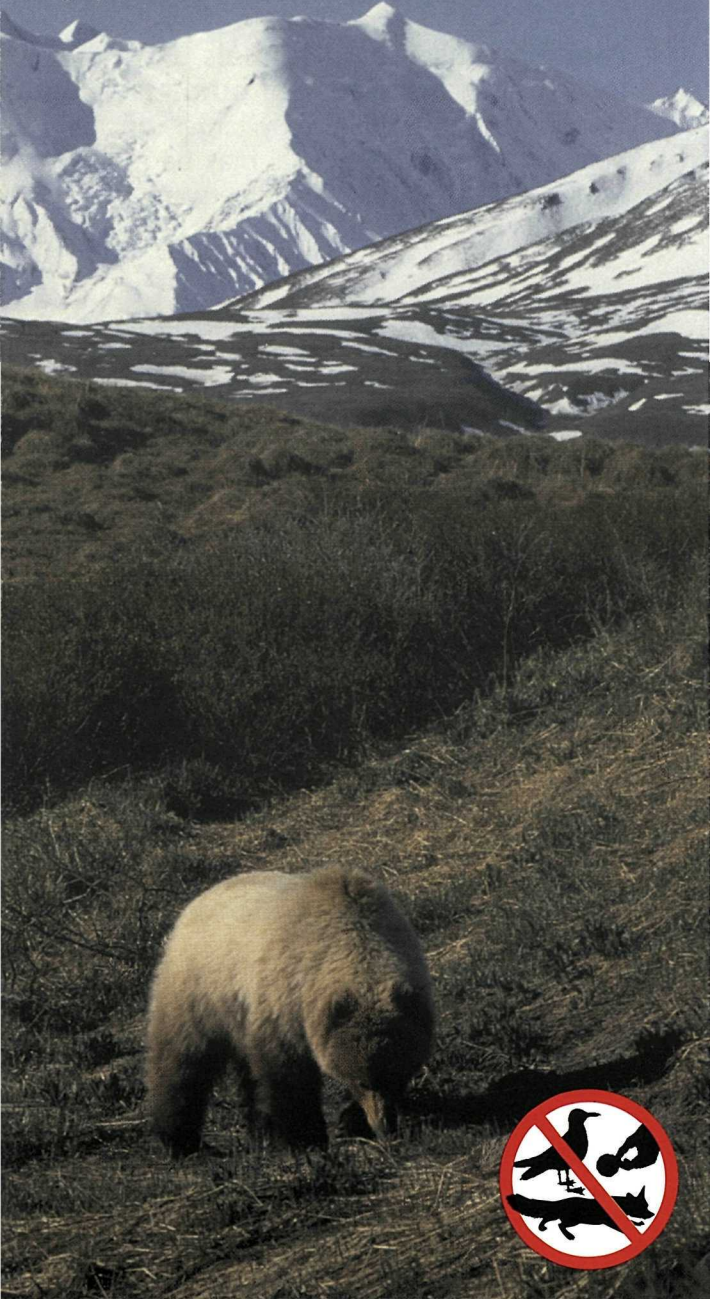


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What Can Happen

Feeding and approaching wild animals changes their behavior, often with catastrophic results.

Animals are often injured or killed when they spend more time around vehicles at roads and parking areas. They are also easier for predators to catch in these open areas.

Feeding causes wild animals to lose their natural fear of humans

Wildlife can become an easy target, or the bold advances of an animal may be misinterpreted as an "attack" on a person.



You risk injury when you do not keep a respectful distance from wild animals

Wildlife can misinterpret your actions. They don't know where the food stops and your fingers begin. Once again, animals lose when people complain of being bitten or "attacked".

Many animals have specialized diets and the wrong foods can negatively affect their health

Artificial food sources can also cause increased wildlife populations that natural food supplies can't support.



Wild animals often cause property damage when they are fed human food

Animals will chew or bite into packs, coolers and even enter vehicles and buildings when they have learned that people have food. Foxes, squirrels, and bears have entered or damaged tents to get at food stored improperly.

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Help Prevent Problems

- Never feed or approach wild birds or other animals.
- Properly store food and dispose of garbage in bear-proof garbage cans.
- Never leave food unattended, even for a short while.
- Pick up food scraps and wipe down tabletops after eating.
- Never overfill garbage cans. Take your trash to a can that is less full.
- Encourage others to follow these instructions.



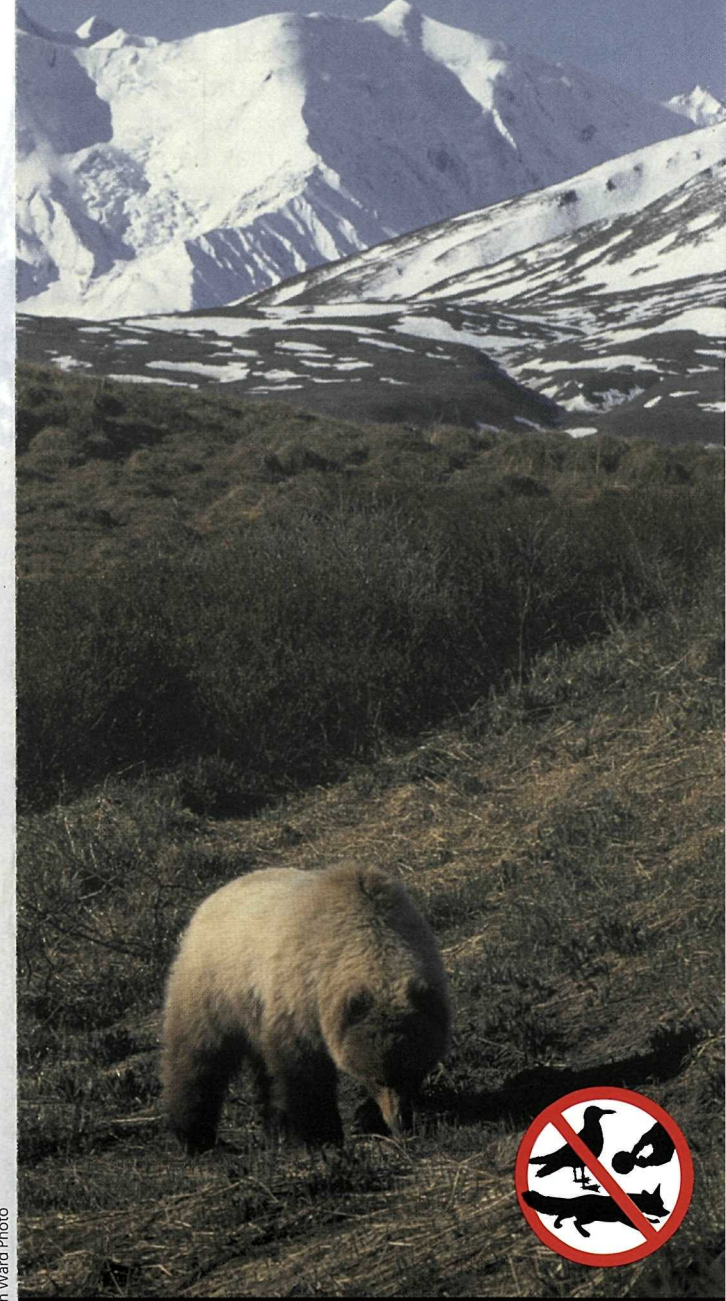
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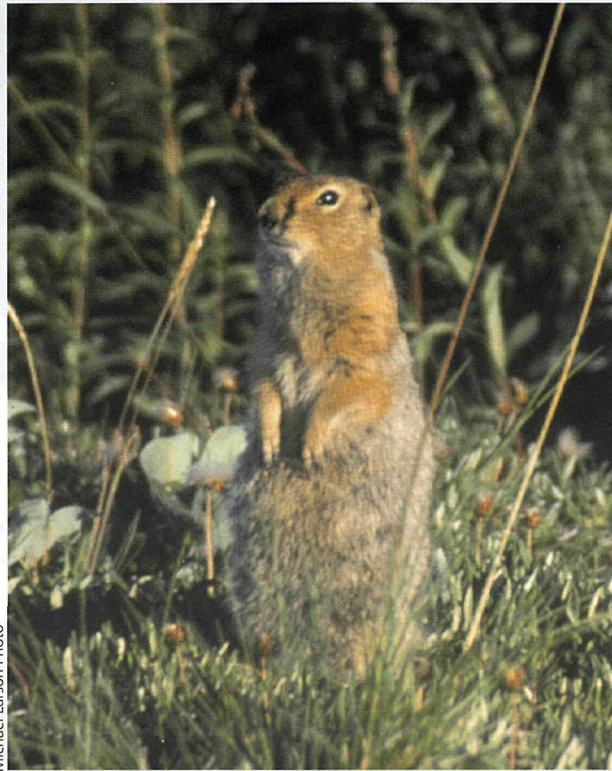


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This includes birds, squirrels, foxes and all other wild animals.

Feeding or approaching wildlife can cause problems for both humans and wildlife. Wild animals that have learned to associate humans with food rewards often become dependent on human-related food and garbage. They lose their wildness and may become threats to people, property, and themselves.



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