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# Giant Panda

*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*

The giant panda (Ailuropoda melanoleuca) is a unique bear species native to the mountainous regions of central China, particularly in Sichuan, Shaanxi, and Gansu provinces. This distinctive mammal is…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Ursidae
**Habitat:** Temperate forest
**Diet:** Herbivore
**Conservation status:** Vulnerable
**Lifespan:** 20-30 years
**Weight:** 70-160 kg
**Scientific name:** Ailuropoda melanoleuca

## Did you know?

- Although they are classified as bears, giant pandas' closest genetic relatives are actually the spectacled bears of South America.
- Despite being classified as a carnivore, the giant panda's diet is overwhelmingly herbivorous, and it can consume up to 38 kilograms of bamboo daily …

## What I learned

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