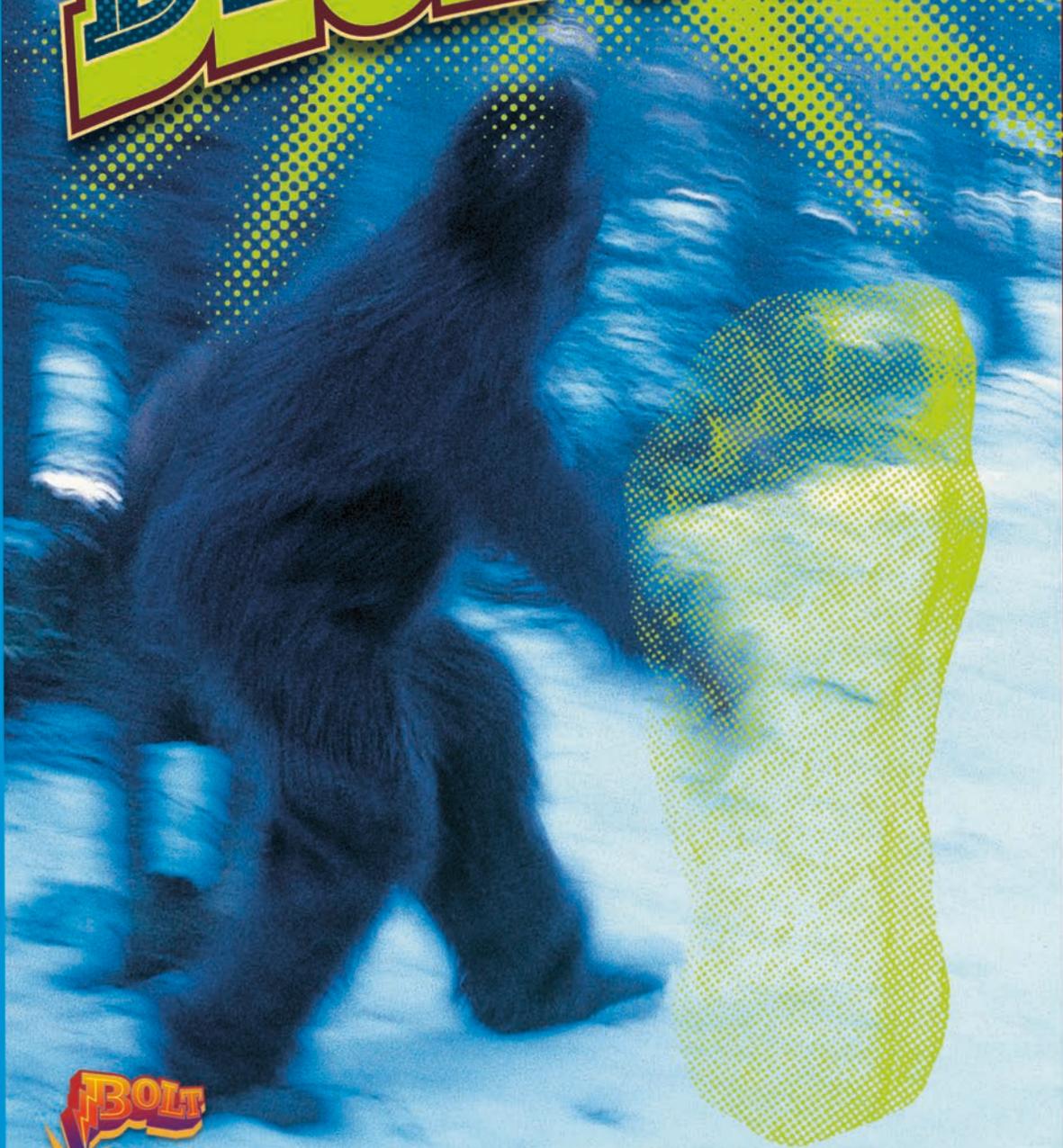


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Something's in the Woods

The setting sun glowed behind the trees. Rosie stood on the porch. As it got dark, she tried to turn on the light. The bulb was burned out.

Then Rosie saw a strange creature. It was 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall. "It turned and looked at me while it was walking," Rosie said.

She ran inside and called her dad. "I think I saw a Bigfoot!"





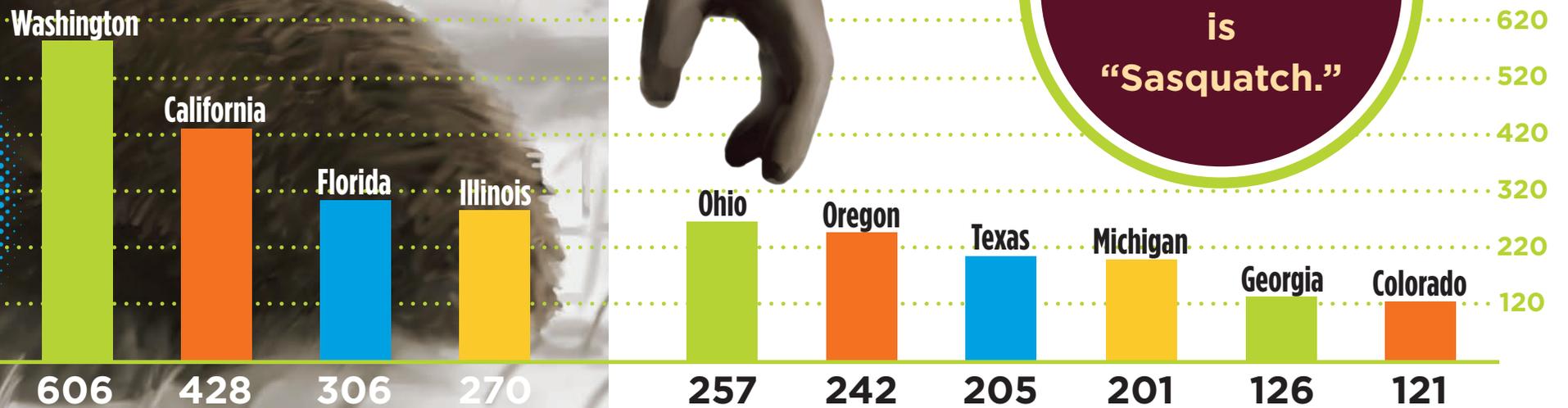
Mysterious Animal

Thousands of people say they have seen a Bigfoot. They describe the beasts as giant, **furry** animals that walk on two legs.

But many other people say Bigfoot is just a story.

Another name for a Bigfoot is "Sasquatch."

BIGFOOT SIGHTINGS IN THE UNITED STATES
(as of August 2015)



A GLOBE OF GIANTS

People around the world tell stories of ape-like creatures.

**BIGFOOT
(UNITED STATES)**

**KALA BANDAR
(INDIA)**

**YETI
(HIMALAYAS)**

**YEREN
(CHINA)**

**MARICOXI
(BRAZIL)**

**ORANG PENDEK
(INDONESIA)**

**YOWIE
(AUSTRALIA)**



All about

Bigfoot

In 1958, a **logger** in California found strange footprints. They were 16 inches (41 centimeters) long. Word of the footprints spread. One reporter called the footprints' owner "Bigfoot."

In the 1960s and 1970s, more people found giant footprints. And more people said they saw the creatures. People began to search for Bigfoot.



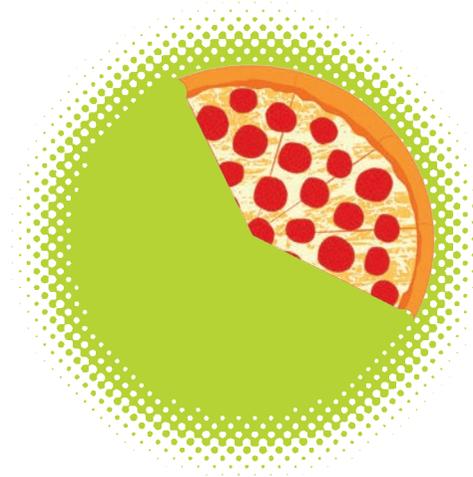


Describing Bigfoot

Researchers say a Bigfoot is 6 to 12 feet (2 to 4 m) tall. It weighs up to 1,000 pounds (454 kilograms). Witnesses say it is covered in fur and is very smelly.

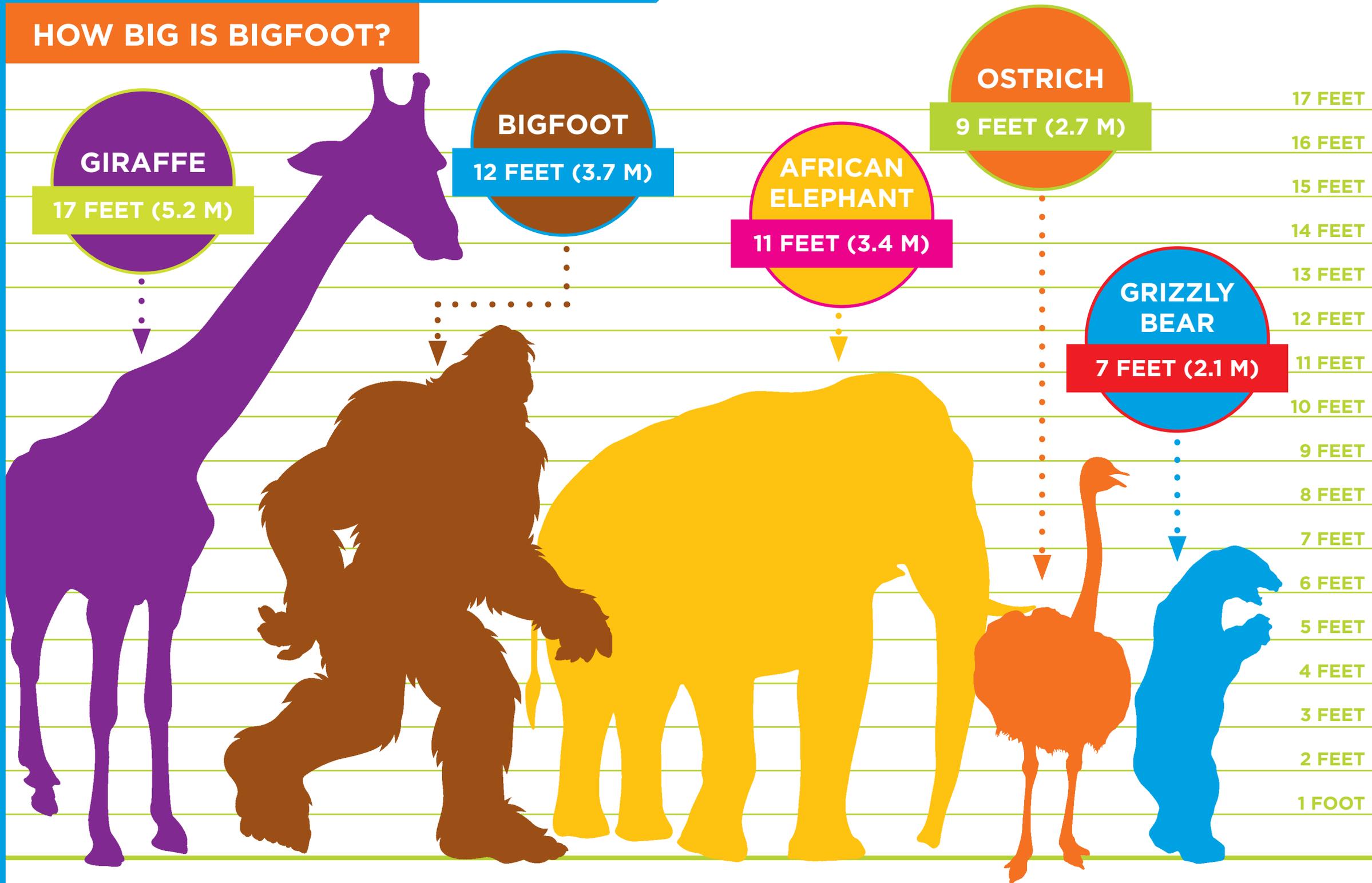
People say Bigfoot creatures sometimes throw rocks. They might scream or **howl**. But they are also **shy**. They run away from people.

How much does a Bigfoot eat?



A small Bigfoot would need about **7,200 calories** a day. That would be about **24 slices** of pizza.

HOW BIG IS BIGFOOT?



Bigfoot

Sightings

Researchers know of about 3,500 Bigfoot **sightings** in North America. A sighting means somebody saw or heard a Bigfoot. It could also mean they found extra-large footprints.



9.5
INCHES
(24 CM)

**AVERAGE
10-YEAR-OLD
CHILD**



16
INCHES
(41 CM)

BIGFOOT



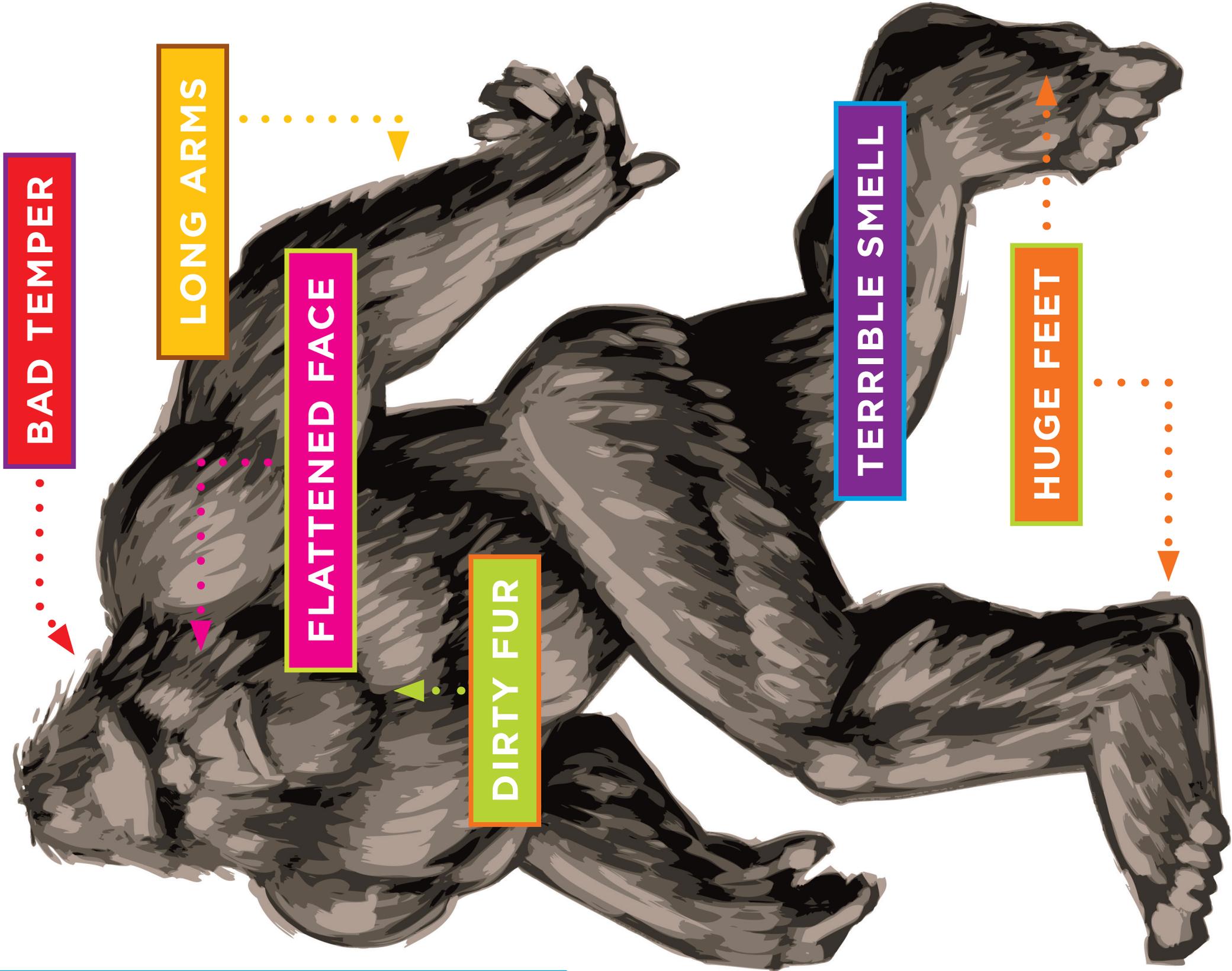
11
INCHES
(28 CM)

**GRIZZLY
BEAR**

Bigfoot's Feet Would Be

BIG

BIGFOOT FEATURES



BAD TEMPER

LONG ARMS

FLATTENED FACE

DIRTY FUR

TERRIBLE SMELL

HUGE FEET



Was It a Bigfoot?

A man named Paul lived in the woods. One day, he saw huge **tracks** in the snow. The footprints led deep into the woods.

Paul's sister said she saw a hairy creature in the same place. The creature walked on two feet. They believe a Bigfoot lives in their woods.



Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin claimed they filmed a Bigfoot in 1967. Later, a man investigated the movie. People told him the Bigfoot was a man in a fur suit. The truth is still a mystery.

Believing in Bigfoot

People all over the world tell tales about ape-men. Believers say these tales are so common they must be true.

Believers also look at photos, videos, and footprints. They say these items prove Bigfoot creatures are real.

An ape that was 9 feet (2.7 m) tall once lived in Asia. Could it be related to Bigfoot creatures?



Bigfoot

Fakes

Other people disagree with believers. They say it's easy to make fake tracks and photos. The footprints that started the Bigfoot stories were fake. The logger used homemade wooden feet to make those tracks.

In 2012, scientists tested fur believed to be from Bigfoot creatures. All the fur was from common animals, such as cows, horses, and bears.

What Do You Think?

Some people say Bigfoot proof is weak. They ask why all the photos of them are **blurry**. They ask why the creatures only come out at night.

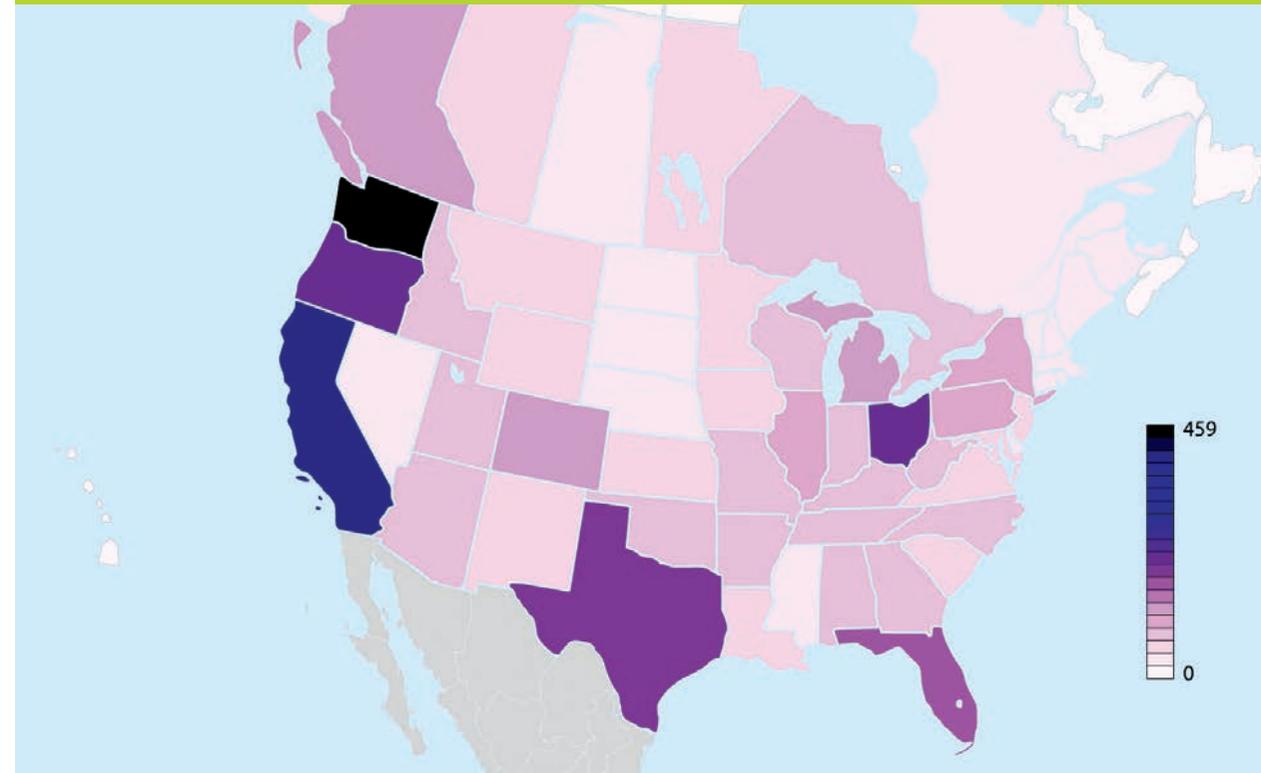
But those who believe think the photos are proof. They believe **witnesses'** stories.

Will the questions ever be answered?



BEARFOOT?

Look at where American black bears live (top). Compare it to where Bigfoot sightings have been reported (bottom). Could the creatures be bears?



QUIZ

Believe It or Not?

Answer the questions below.
Then add up your points to
see if you believe.

1 You see a big footprint in the mud. What do you think?

- A. That's not from any animal I know! **(3 points)**
- B. That's odd. It's pretty big. **(2 points)**
- C. I'm sure that's from a big boot. **(1 point)**



2 Are there animals that haven't been discovered?

- A. Definitely! **(3 points)**
- B. Maybe. **(2 points)**
- C. There aren't monsters in the woods. **(1 point)**

3 Look at the pictures in this book again. What do you think?

- A. I totally see a Bigfoot! **(3 points)**
- B. What is that? **(2 points)**
- C. That's totally fake! **(1 point)**

.....

3 points:

There's no way the creatures are real.

4-8 points:

Maybe they're real. But then again, maybe they're not.

9 points:

You're a total believer!

blurry (BLUR-ee)—not clear

film (FILM)—to make a movie

furry (FUR-ee)—covered in fur

howl (HOWL)—to make a long, loud cry that sounds sad

logger (LAH-gur)—someone who cuts down trees for wood

researcher (RE-surch-uhr)—someone who carefully studies something

shy (SHI)—feeling nervous about meeting new people

sighting (SIHT-ing)—spotting something

track (TRAK)—a mark left on the ground by an animal, person, or vehicle

witness (WIT-nes)—someone who sees something happen

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