Moon & Sun Bears

What is the difference between the moon and sun bears?

- the sun bear is the smallest of the bears and is nearly half the size of the moon bear
- the sun bear’s ears are smaller and more round
- the sun bear has short sleek hair
- the sun bear has longer claws
- the sun bear doesn’t hibernate

Both the moon and sun bears have a cream/yellow-coloured, crescent shaped patch on their chest. This is how they got their common names of moon and sun bear. The moon bear’s is usually more v-shaped. The sun bear’s can be speckled.

What can you find out about moon and sun bears?

Can you find stamps of the bears?

We only found the moon bear on a stamp. The moon bear is also known as the Asiatic black bear.

Is there a stamp with a sun bear on it?