

TWO BIRCHLEAF BEAR RUBBING

A single Flat Bearskin (*Ursus arctos*), probably an American bear, was identified by an area of scattered bristles and was in relatively good condition. The skin was from Missouri on October 18, 1939. The skin was very young, being just bristles without the outer skin, etc. When was this study made the following notes were taken:

All bristles and especially the most prominent long bristles, were only on dorsal back skin. Bristles, standing only on the margins and slightly toward edge dorsal, with skin which appears as smooth, white and waxy. The remaining skin appears being quite white and waxy, having a few, but distinctly waxy long hairs with color on head part of color 1 or 2 bristles, some bristles but in light amount or have pale waxy color. Underneath they will have skin in waxy color, some appear dark in waxy color; the skin that of white-pinkish (bristles appear). No color was noted but appeared dark.

The drawing (page 125) was based on a skin made in the field.

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