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# THE BOBCAT



# GETTING TO KNOW...

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Region & Habitat	Found from the southern parts of Canada down to Mexico's northern regions.
Classification	Mammal
Size	Males: 18-35 lbs., 32-37 inches in length Female: 15-30 lbs, 28-32 inches in length
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Mostly nocturnal
Conservation Status	Least Concern (LC), population is stable
Average Lifespan	7 years
Gestational Period	50-70 days
Diet	Carnivore
Scientific name	Lynx Rufus
Fun Fact	They can leap as far as 12 feet to catch their prey and have been known to take down much larger animals, such as young deer.

Easily identified by their bobbed tail, bobcats are similar to the lynx but a little smaller. They usually grow to be about the size of a cocker spaniel, however the bobcats in more northern climates tend to grow larger than their southern counterparts. The bobcat's fur can be many different colors with stripes on their legs, a black-tipped tail, and black-tufted ears. Their lips and chin are off-white.

Bobcats hunt rabbits, hares, birds, insects, chickens, rodents, and even deer. Rarely do they go after household pets. Mating occurs from winter to early spring when the male travels with a female. Kittens open their eyes around the ninth or tenth day after birth. Kittens are born in a den, usually a rock shelter, hollowed-out tree, abandoned beaver lodges, and earthen burrows. The female will bring prey to the kittens for the first month, then she will show them how to hunt. By 11 months, the kittens are kicked out of the territory to hunt for themselves.

Bobcats are considered very fast and can run up to 30 miles per hour! While hunting, the bobcat sometimes runs like a rabbit, creating a bobbing appearance when they run. Bobcat's population dropped drastically in the early 20th century because of the demand for their fur but has since rebounded and their population is stable. Their main threats are being hunted by humans and habitat loss.

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Territory

Mammal

Carnivore

Lynx

Caves

Bobcat

Hunting

Rufus

Small

Kitten

Fast

Den

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