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DETERMINATION // BOBCAT // BROWN

A bobcat might look like an overgrown house cat, but you wouldn't want to try to pet one. Found throughout North America, bobcats are fierce hunters with an impressive skill set. Their physical talents are matched by their focus and patience to make a living in the wild.

They can cover some ground – these predators often travel several miles in one evening to find prey and to protect territory. You probably wouldn't hear them, though – their back feet step in the same spots as their front feet to be as quiet as possible. And they aren't very vocal, except in mating season. While they like the night life, bobcats are sometimes active in daylight hours, too, and especially at dawn and dusk.

Like a house cat, a bobcat has excellent night vision. Unlike a house cat, it can run as fast as 25 or 30 miles an hour, and leap as far as 12 feet to catch dinner. Bobcats eat rabbits, hares, squirrels, and mice. But they also can catch small deer or prey on livestock such as goats and chickens. They are strong swimmers and good climbers, and they can even jump into the air to snatch low-flying birds!

These adaptable animals thrive in a variety of environments, including forests, swamps, deserts, and scrubland. Sometimes they are confused with lynx, which live in colder areas where there is snow much of the year. A lynx has more fur, a shorter bob tail, and longer legs.

DETERMINATION: *Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.*



Bobcats are patient and determined hunters, with plenty of stamina.