

Bobcats!!

Bobcats are the only wildcat found in Connecticut. In 1971, laws were changed to protect bobcats, and now they can be found in every town in the state. They are a little more than twice the size of a housecat, weighing about 15-28 pounds. Bobcats get their name from their short “bobbed” tail, which is about half that of a housecat’s tail.

The color of the bobcat’s fur provides camouflage when in brushy habitats, so it can secretly ambush prey without being seen. Bobcats are carnivores, which means they eat meat, and mostly hunt for their food. They have sharp teeth and claws to help them catch and eat their food, such as small animals like squirrels, chipmunks, and rabbits, but also larger animals like wild turkey and deer..

Bobcats live alone (except when mothers have kittens) and can travel several miles each day around their territory. If you are lucky enough to see one in your backyard in the morning, it could already be in the next town by the afternoon.

If you come across a bobcat, you do not need to be afraid. Always keep your distance from wild animals so that they do not feel scared of you getting too close to them. Seeing a bobcat in the wild is rare and special. You can help the Wildlife Division study bobcats by having your parents report your sighting online.



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Bobcat Word Search

AMBUSH **BOBCAT** **CARNIVORE** **CHIPMUNK** **CLAWS**
DEER **FUR** **HABITAT** **KITTEN** **PREY**
RABBIT **SQUIRREL** **TEETH** **TERRITORY** **TURKEY**

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