

Life as Endangered

What has lots of fur plus looks like a cat? A Canada Lynx! In this book we will be learning about the Lynx's food (Canada Lynx), habitat, and lastly what they look like.

The Lynx is sadly endangered because farmers are harvesting their crops and taking away the Lynx's home/land. But they not only are taking away the Lynx's habitat but also taking away their food.

The Lynx has a very wide variety of food. For example they mainly eat snowshoe hare, but they additionally eat red squirrels, mice, fish, beavers, porcupine, voles, shrews, and grouse. So if the Lynx has such a wide variety of food the farmers aren't only hurting the Lynx but again, hurting the Lynx's prey by taking away their land.

What I'm about to tell you is going to be crazy but the Lynx is found in 15 different places! They are scattered all over the place. For instance they are all the way from Washington to Main. Another one is Wisconsin to Wyoming. Although they might be found all over the world you may not know what they look like.

You might mistake a bobcat for a Canada Lynx, because they look almost exactly like each other. But not only does the Lynx look like a bobcat but has some features of a bulldog. Such as they have fur by their chins that drip down. One thing that a bobcat and Lynx have in common is that they both have black tips on top of their ears. Including, they both have short ears. Since the Lynx lives in cold weather the Lynx has lots of fur so they stay nice and warm. These animals are pretty small. For example males are 33.5 inches tall (22 pounds)! But the females are only 32 inches (19 pounds)! Now we can agree that a Canada Lynx is one of the small cats that are wild.

In the end we can all agree we need to save this Lynx. This furry friend helps keep the ecosystem in order. But if the farmers keep taking away their land then there will be too many squirrels, snowshoe hares, mice, beavers, and on and on. Also if the farmers are getting the Canada Lynx endangered then their prey will be endangered too. So go out and be considerate of the Canada Lynx they will appreciate it!

Resources:

Environmental Conservation Online System . *Canada Lynx*. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 4 Aug. 2022, ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3652.