



CANADA LYNX

Lynx canadensis



The Canada Lynx is a short-tailed cat, with a thick fur coat, and broad feet. It prefers coniferous forests for its habitat. The lynx tends to avoid areas of human activity. It is a solitary hunter and covers a large territory. They tend to stay in the same territory for their entire life. This cat hunts mostly rabbits, squirrels, and other small mammals; however, lynx can occasionally take down wounded or sick deer. Their favorite food is the snowshoe hare. Food shortages keep their populations low.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The Canada Lynx will reach lengths of up to four feet and stand about two feet tall.

WEIGHT

The average adult Canada Lynx weighs between 20 and 40 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The Canada Lynx is a carnivore. It eats mainly rabbits, hares, mice, and birds.

HABITAT

The Canada Lynx is typically found in deep coniferous forests.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The Canada Lynx is typically found throughout Canada; however, they can occasionally be seen in several regions of the United States, including Michigan's upper peninsula.

FUN FACT

The Canada Lynx has really large feet that work as snowshoes. This lets the lynx walk on top of the snow!