

Lynx



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in Yellowstone National Park

Lynx are brown or gray cats that often have spots. They have long, black hair on their ears, and short tails. They are a bit bigger than a house cat. Males can weigh 30 pounds. Bobcats are a species of lynx. They have large legs and paws that are also very furry. These cats are meat eaters and like to eat squirrels, rabbits, birds and rodents.

Lynx and bobcats are most active at night, and very rarely seen in the park. The park asks that you report any possible large cat sightings or tracks as they are not often recorded when someone is lucky enough to see one. Bobcat tracks are often 2¼ inches long or shorter, and other lynx are often 3½ inches long.

What did you learn about the lynx of Yellowstone?

1. Are lynx a type of cat or dog?

Lynx are a type of cat a bit bigger than a house cat.

2. What special characteristics do lynx have in their appearance?

Lynx have long, black hair on their ears and short tails. They often have spots.

3. What should you do if you see large cats or their tracks in Yellowstone?

You should report it to the park staff because sightings are very rare.

