

BOBCATS

SPACE & TRAILS

BROOMFIELD OPEN



HABITAT

Found from southern Canada to central Mexico, they are most abundant in foothills, canyons, and mesas where brush, cliffs, outcroppings, and fallen timber provide shelter and den sites.

BEHAVIOR

About twice the size of domestic cats, bobcats are active year-round, both day and night, but they are most active at dawn and dusk (crepuscular).

REPRODUCTION

One litter of 2-4 kittens a year.

LIFESPAN

While they can live up to 12 years in the wild, the average life expectancy of a bobcat is between 2 and 4 years.

SIZE

Bobcats are twice the size of a house cat, or about the size of a medium dog. They range in weight from 10-30lbs with larger cats found further north.

DIET

Rabbits, mice, voles, squirrels, birds, reptiles, and young deer.

Broomfield Wildlife Masters

For additional tips on living with local wildlife, contact the Broomfield Wildlife Masters at 303-464-5554.



BOBCAT COEXISTENCE TIPS

Since bobcats can easily scale a 6-foot fence and climb trees, it is not feasible to keep them out of yards by exclusion methods. However, there are several methods that Broomfield residents can use to coexist with this rare and elusive species if they are seen:

1. Deter prey species away from your yard, including birds, mice, and rabbits.
2. Keep your pets from interacting with all wildlife.
3. Keep all food sources secure.
4. Remove hiding habitat, low hanging branches etc.
5. Haze by yelling, banging pot lids, or using an air horn.