

Canadian Lynx Profile



Canadian Lynx Family Tree

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Subphylum: Vertebrata
Class: Mammalia
Order: Carnivora
Family: Felidae
Subfamily: Felinae
Genus: Lynx
Species: Lynx canadensis

Hi there! I'd like to introduce myself. I'm a Canadian Lynx and my friends call me Caleb.

I'm a furry yellowish brown spotted mammal and I sort of look like a cat, only I'm much bigger and I wouldn't make a great house pet. I much prefer to live in forests and rocky areas in places like Canada and in some of the Unites States, like Western Montana, Idaho, Washington and New England.

You can find a lynx snuggled up in a den in a fallen tree or under a rock cliff. My triangular shaped ears are very sensitive- they help me to hunt at night when it's dark and I have to rely on my sense of hearing to find food. I also have great night vision. My ears and eyes really help me because I'm nocturnal- I'm awake during the night and I sleep during the day.

Unlike housecats, I have a very short tail and rather large furry paws that help me walk on ice and snow. But like housecats, babies are called kittens. As a kitten, I lived with my mom and 4 brothers and sisters until I was about a year old. Then my mom left and I continued to live with my siblings for a while longer. We sometimes hunted together, but as an adult, I hunt by myself. As a carnivore, I only eat meat and most of my meals are hares. If there aren't enough hares to hunt and eat, the Canadian Lynx can go hungry and might not make it through the season. Humans like to hunt us too. And because of the challenge to eat enough hares and stay away from humans, we are considered to be an endangered species.