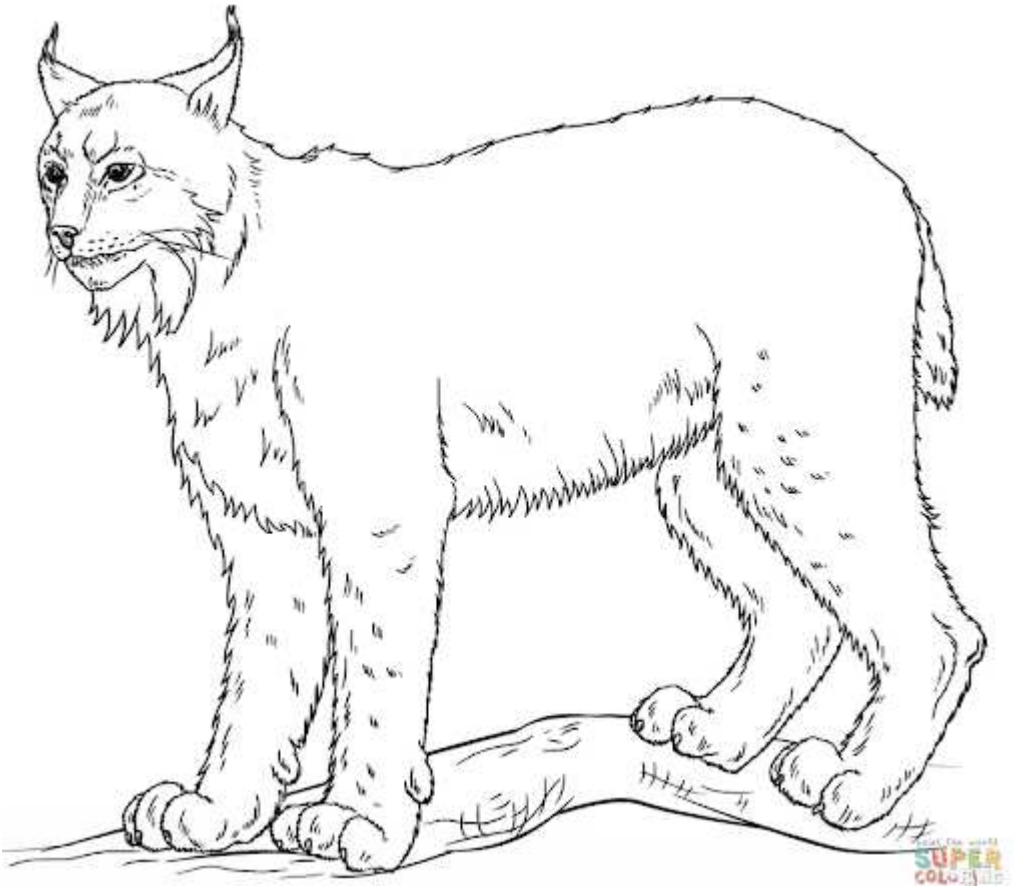
Here at ZooMontana we are fortunate enough to have two Canada Lynxes on exhibit! Canada lynx are apex predators have lots of adaptations that allow them to silently and efficiently hunt in their snowy home. Their tufted ears help to channel sound, their large paws help them stay silent and prevent them from falling through snow, and their amazing eyesight allows them to spot a mouse from 250 feet away!



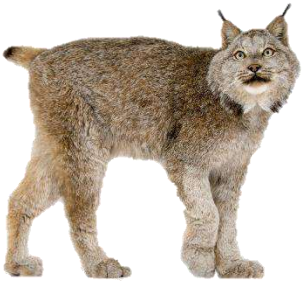
Canada lynx live at and above the 45th parallel, inhabiting the snowy forests of Canada, Alaska, and parts of Idaho, Washington, and western Montana. Their main prey in these forests are the snowshoe hare. They are so dependent on this prey species that lynx populations will rise and fall in sync with snowshoe hare population changes. They will also eat mice, birds, and squirrels.

- The closest relative of the Canada lynx is the bobcat! Lynx have longer legs and ear tufts, while Bobcats have longer black and white tails.
- Female lynx give birth to 2-6 kits and take care of them for up to 9 months so she can parent them through their first winter.
- Canada lynx are one of the only big cat species that can purr! The other species that can purr are the cheetah, mountain lion/puma, wild cat, and Eurasian lynx.
- They have big sharp teeth and claws that help them catch and hold on to their prey.

Canada lynx tend to be greyish brown, but coat color can vary! Can you color in this lynx?



Help the lynx eat a healthy diet: Draw a line from the lynx to each food item it eats!









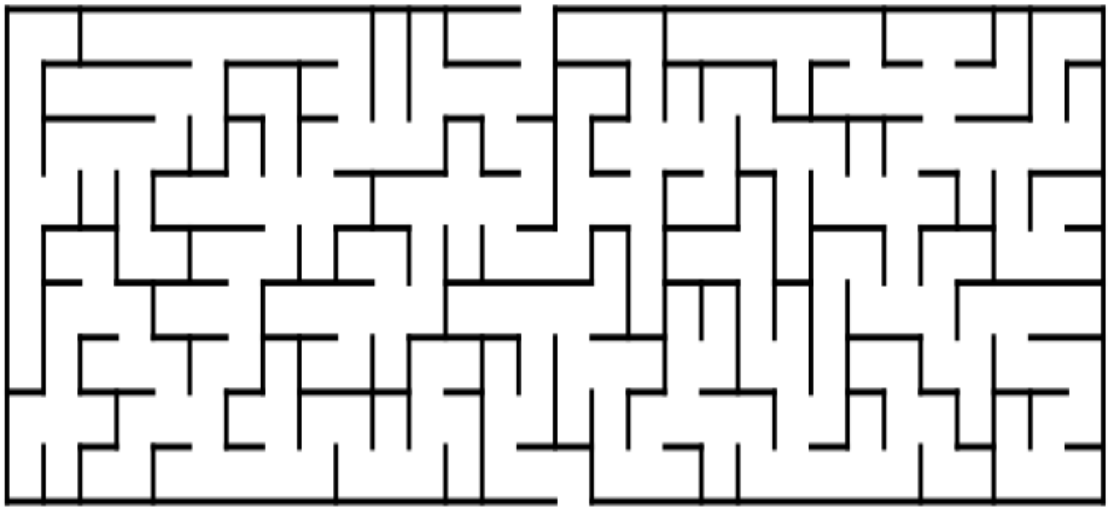






Help lead the mother Lynx and her kits to a snowshoe hare dinner!







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