Bobcats
in Wisconsin

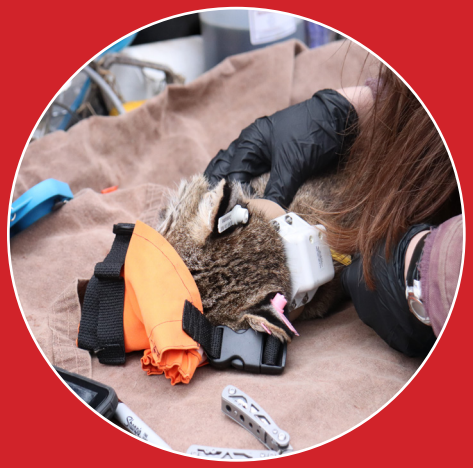
Named for their short, bobbed tails, the famously elusive bobcat is an iconic species in Wisconsin. Their evasive nature leads many to believe that this species is rare, when in fact bobcats are quite common in Wisconsin, with breeding populations in both northern and southern regions of the state.

Bobcats are legal to harvest with a bobcat permit and a Wisconsin hunting or trapping license.

The average bobcat weighs in at around **20-30 pounds.**

Annual home-range size is typically around **25 square miles for males and 15 for females.**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources uses **radio collars** to keep tabs on the bobcat population.



The Office of Applied Science uses GPS data to study **reproductive rates, mortality rates, population dynamics, abundance and density** throughout the state.

With this research, the Office of Applied Science aims to **inform wildlife management decisions** and support management action to **protect the health** of the population while **preserving valuable hunting and trapping opportunities for the public.**