ACTIVITY BOOK

FELIDAE
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FELIDAE WORDSEARCHES

CROSSWORDS

CONNECT THE DOTS

AND MORE!

Fun wildcat puzzles inside!
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**ACROSS**

4. This is one of the South American countries where the mountain lion lives
6. Many wild cats are this kind of predator, or predators at the top of the food chain
7. This variation of jaguar, sometimes referred to as a panther, is black but still has spots
8. The scientific name for a mountain lion
10. Mountain lions, jaguars, and lynx are most active between dusk and dawn. The term for this is...

**DOWN**

1. An animal that eats other animals to survive
2. This environmental problem is threatening jaguar and puma populations
3. A mountain lion’s primary prey in North America
5. The area that a mountain lion hunts in and defends
9. The scientific name for a bobcat
11. Wildcats, except for the African Lion, have this social characteristic, where they live alone except during mating.
12. The only state without sport hunting of mountain lions
WILDCATS OF THE AMERICAS

ACROSS

13. A hunting technique in which bobcats and mountain lions approach their prey stealthily before chasing it

15. California residents can apply for this if their domestic animal is injured or killed by a mountain lion

17. The U.S. State with the only endangered population of mountain lions

18. Mountain lions and bobcats cannot make this sound

19. We need these strips of habitat to connect adjacent lands and to serve as linkages between habitat blocks

20. Jaguars are found in this South American rainforest

21. One of the many common names for the mountain lion

22. A place that a mother mountain lion can use as a den

23. This species and the bobcat are the two species of lynx native to North America

24. An older term for the mountain lion

25. A species that has a strong and unique impact on the ecosystem it inhabits

DOWN

14. The mountain lion, bobcat, lynx, margay, ocelot, jaguar, and jaguarundi are members of this family

16. This large cat used to live in the United States, but now is found in Central and South America

19. A meso-carnivore that will feed off a mountain lion kill
CONNECT THE DOTS

PUMA KITTEN
Puma concolor

Start at 1
FILL IN THE BLANKS

Felidae is the name for the family that includes all _________.

Puma kittens are born with _________ on their fur and _________ colored eyes.

Pumas and bobcats are carnivores, so they only eat _________.

The favorite food for pumas is _________, which makes up more than half of their diet in North America.

Pumas can _________ 15-18 feet up.

Bobcats are reddish-brown on their backs, _________ on their belly, and have _________ spots all over.

Pumas have _________ tails, and bobcats have _________ tails.

WORD BANK

meat blue long deer spots
cats white short black
MATCH THE TRACKS TO THE ANIMAL

Black-tailed deer
Canada Goose
Coyote
Bobcat
Raccoon
Wild Turkey
HIDE AND SEEK

Billie Bobcat is playing hide and seek with her friends. Follow her tracks to see where she is hiding.

Just don’t be fooled by the tracks of Calvin Coyote as his tracks look similar.

START:
ANIMAL TRACKS LOGIC PUZZLE

Read the clues to figure out which tracks belong to each animal.

Black-tailed deer  Canada Goose  Coyote
Bobcat  Raccoon  Wild Turkey

1. This bird's tracks are divided into three segments, but they don't have any webbing between them. ________________

2. This mammal's tracks have four toes, but no claws are present. ________________

3. This masked animal walks on all fours, but leaves two different sizes of tracks. ________________

4. Neither toes nor claws are a part of this antlered animal's tracks. ________________

5. This animal is a canine with tracks that look similar to those of a feline. ________________

6. These tracks are often found on muddy banks as this animal gets ready to swim. ________________
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A PUMA OR BOBCAT:

**DO:**
- Maintain eye contact
- Make yourself bigger
- Pick-up children
- Speak loudly and firmly

**DO NOT:**
- Approach the animal
- Turn away or run

IF THE ANIMAL IS NOT DETERRED OR APPROACHES:

**DO:**
- Throw rocks, sticks, etc.
- Fight back
GREAT JOB! YOU COMPLETED THE ACTIVITY BOOK!

With your parent's permission, you can visit us on the Web to learn more:

The Felidae Conservation Fund:  
www.felidaefund.org

The Bay Area Puma Project:  
www.bapp.org

On Facebook:  
www.facebook.com/felidaefund

On Twitter:  
www.twitter.com/felidaefund
ANSWER KEY
ACROSS

4. This is one of the South American countries where the mountain lion lives (CHILE)
6. Many wild cats are this kind of predator, or predators at the top of the food chain (APEX)
7. This variation of Jaguar, sometimes referred to as a panther, is black but still has spots (MELANISTIC)
8. The scientific name for a mountain lion (PUMA CONCOLOR)
10. Mountain lions, Jaguars, and lynx are most active between dusk and dawn. The term for this is... (CREPUSCULAR)

DOWN

1. An animal that eats other animals to survive (CARNIVORE)
2. This environmental problem is threatening jaguar and puma populations (DEFORESTATION)
3. A mountain lion’s primary prey in North America (DEER)
5. The area that a mountain lion hunts in and defends (HOMERANGE)
9. The scientific name for a bobcat (LYNX RUFUS)
11. Wildcats, except for the African Lion, have this social characteristic, where they live alone except during mating. (SOLITARY)
12. The only state without sport hunting of mountain lions (CALIFORNIA)
WILDCATS OF THE AMERICAS

ANSWER KEY

ACROSS

13. A hunting technique in which bobcats and mountain lions approach their prey stealthily before chasing it (STALKING)

15. California residents can apply for this if their domestic animal is injured or killed by a mountain lion (DEPREDA TION PERMIT)

17. The U.S. State with the only endangered population of mountain lions (FLORIDA)

18. Mountain lions and bobcats cannot make this sound (ROAR)

19. We need these strips of habitat to connect adjacent lands and to serve as linkages between habitat blocks

20. Jaguars are found in this South American rainforest (AMAZON)

21. One of the many common names for the mountain lion (PUMA)

22. A place that a mother mountain lion can use as a den (CAVE)

23. This species and the bobcat are the two species of lynx native to North America (CANADALYNX)

24. An older term for the mountain lion (CATAMOUNT)

25. A species that has a strong and unique impact on the ecosystem it inhabits (KEYSTONE)

DOWN

14. The mountain lion, bobcat, lynx, margay, ocelot, jaguar, and Jaguarundi are members of this family (FELIDAE)

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19. A meso-carnivore that will feed off a mountain lion kill (COYOTE)
WILDCATS OF THE AMERICAS

ANSWER KEY

Retractable Claws
Mouse
Apex Predator
Corridor
Mule Deer
Moose
Solitary
Depredation Permit

Scat
Cougar
Felidae
Carnivore
Puma
Florida Panther
Catamount
Concolor

Bobcat
Home Range
Screamer
Keystone Species
Crepuscular
Scrape
Painter
Fragmentation

Jaguar
Subspecies
Amazon
Generalist
Canada Lynx
Litter
Jaguarundi
Felidae is the name for the family that includes all **CATS**.

Puma kittens are born with **SPOTS** on their fur and **BLUE** colored eyes.

Pumas and bobcats are carnivores, so they only eat **MEAT**.

The favorite food for pumas is **DEER**, which makes up more than half of their diet in North America.

Pumas can **JUMP** 15-18 feet up.

Bobcats are reddish-brown on their backs, **WHITE** on their belly, and have **BLACK** spots all over.

Pumas have **LONG** tails, and bobcats have **SHORT** tails.

**WORD BANK**

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2. These mammal tracks have four toes, but no claws are present. **BOBCAT**

3. This masked animal walks on all fours, but leaves two different sizes of tracks. **RACCOON**

4. Neither toes nor claws are a part of this antlered animal's tracks. **BLACK-TAILED DEER**

5. This animal is a canine with tracks that look similar to those of a feline. **COYOTE**

6. These tracks are often found on muddy banks as this animal gets ready to swim. **CANADA GOOSE**
For more information, please visit

www.felidaefund.org