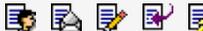
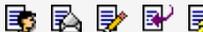
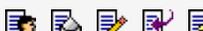


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NH sighting. . .

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<p>Quilteresq</p> <p>USA 1 Posts</p>	<p>Posted - 07/20/2009 : 15:40:52 </p> <p>We sighted a mt. lion on our land today - a BIG, healthy cat. Our land is on the south side of Mt. Cardigan - about 20 miles e. of Lebanon, NH. My neighbors said last year that they had seen cats on the mountain. Our land is new to us - it was logged, split into 4 parcels, and sold as residential lots. It goes from the base of mt. up to the state forest at the back - 5500 acres, plus another 1000 acres or so owned by the AMC. Perfect habitat with the logging. He was sitting on the height of land that we were aiming for - the highest point on the property logged off. Needless to say, we saw many fewer piles of moose poo today! I think they've been scared off for the time being.</p> <p>The lion we spotted was light brown. I saw him slink off the height of land headed AWAY from us - but when we went over to check out the view, he circled around and my nephew saw him about where we were standing when I first spotted him. I never saw his head - body and tail only. My nephew did see his head. We also found scat in the middle of our trail to the top of property - typical of mt. lion droppings, I've read - to mark their territory. I saved it. My neighbors say that the state doesn't want to acknowledge mt. lions in NH, because they would then have to protect them. I don't know if it's true or not. I DO know what I saw!</p>	
<p>Helen</p> <p>USA 4 Posts</p>	<p>Posted - 07/28/2009 : 03:17:25 </p> <p>Can you describe the scat? What is the diameter? Without taking it apart, what are the apparent contents? Properly preserved scats (dried and saved in an insect-proof container) can be identified by DNA analysis.</p>	
<p>Teril</p> <p>2 Posts</p>	<p>Posted - 09/01/2009 : 10:41:11 </p> <p>Any update about this? I live in Vt and am compiling alleged sightings and evidence to prove of debunk their existance in Vt or the Northeast for that matter.</p> <p></p>	

CarmenLeigh

Posted - 03/17/2010 : 18:38:35

USA
1 Posts

In September of 2008 I was traveling a farm road between Colebrook and Pittsburg, NH when a rabbit ran across the dirt road from a farm into tall grass field followed in a flash by what I determined (after collecting myself when I locked the breaks and went off the road to avoid it) to be a mountain lion. Though it ran across quickly, judging by it's gait, it was obvious it was feline, fawn/tan in color but what stood out more than any other physical characteristic was it's very long tubular tail which acted almost rudder like as it ran zig-zag across the road after the rabbit. There was no mistaking it (although I did have to question myself since I knew sightings are rare and Fish and Game denies its existence in this state). Upon return to my motel room, I mentioned it to the owner, who was a diehard big game hunter, who didn't doubt it for one minute that it was actually a mountain lion as he claimed to hear of multiple sightings in the Great North Woods. I never relayed this info to the F&G as I figured I would be "scoffed" at or told a similar automated response that many others are told of "have no fear, they are not found north of Florida". I will never forget that and now scour the roads when in the North Woods carefully whenever I travel there in hopes of another sighting with more opportunity to grab my camera!



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walsent

Posted - 04/27/2009 : 17:30:06

1 Posts

All the wildlife and state agencies say there are no cougars in NC. But myself and many locals have seen them. I'm not trying to change anyone's mind or get official recognition for cougars... just want to see if anyone else out there has similar sightings?

bill

3 Posts

Posted - 05/26/2009 : 14:23:43      

I am glad to find this forum. Ever since seeing a cougar in Western North Carolina in 1992 I have been intrigued by the thought that there might be a small native population that has managed to hold on in the NC mountains, or that their range is beginning to push back into NC from the West or South.

My sighting was on the Cherokee Indian Reservation about a mile from the Smoky Mountain National Park in an area known as Big Cove. It stepped out on a large rock in the middle of Bunches Creek about 30 yds. from my campsite. I could not believe it! It stood on the rock looking at me, then turned around as if to go back, then turned again and leaped to the opposite bank and up a steep slope.

I have tried to remember the incident over and over in my mind...trying to make it something else...maybe a Yellow Lab...maybe a bobcat. My fishing buddy also saw it and both of us are sure that it was a cougar. It had the long tail and it moved like my housecat. I would guess it weighed 75 lbs.

We looked for sign but found nothing. The next morning I asked the campground host if there had been a large yellow dog in the area. He didn't know of one. I didn't mention why I asked that question. I guess I didn't want to alarm other campers, have him think I was looney, or perhaps bring harm to the animal. I did report the sighting by phone to NC Wildlife and was told what everyone else has been told who makes such a report.

I feel very lucky to have seen this animal and realize I may never see another in the wild. I have camped and fished remote sections of GSMNP, the Black Mountains, and other sections of the Blue Ridge, but have never seen anything such as this.

I look forward to reading about other people's sightings in North Carolina.



tr6001

USA
1 Posts

Posted - 06/07/2009 : 08:58:48      

Walsent and Bill,

You are not the only ones with sightings in NC. My neighbor saw a mountain lion while getting the paper at 5am in dense fog coming out of my driveway in the upper Riceville area east of Asheville. It is amazing how many forum responses are quick to shoot down mountain lion sightings in our area.. "What ya saw son was a bobcat". a common response. She saw a large cat almost 3.5 feet tall, 3.5 feet long with a over 3 foot tail in all tan. If that is not a mountain lion then call National Geographic because we now have the strangest looking bobcat on the planet. I quickly went to the NC Wildlife guys who work in the same building and yes there are confirmed sightings in our area.

But only a few. I have spoken with the local old timers who have countless sightings over the years and have given up on reporting them. There are also a great number of sightings by locals who are 3d and 4th generations in these coves and valleys and still own large chunks of land but are not reported because it is not on their radar. According to my conversations with biologists in our area, if someone in the scientific community does not document the animal...drugged, tagged, weighed or dead, themselves, then our sightings are not real, or we just saw a bobcat. Some say our mountains cannot support big cats anymore because the food sources are no longer here. This is very confusing to me. Are there not more deer now then ever before. I counted 48 wild turkeys (3 groups) in our valley in one morning. In the weeks prior to the sighting I found three turkeys destroyed in my woods with only a few feathers left and no bones. According to the local NC Wildlife mountain lion expert only mountain lions do this. We have enough area, food, water and shelter, why are so many sightings so quick to be shot down as false.

jp


jpgad

USA
1 Posts

Posted - 08/06/2009 : 08:09:05      
Hello,

I'm brand new to the forum but thought you all might like to hear about my experience seeing a mountain lion in Western North Carolina just this past Friday night (July 31, 2009)..it was very late and dark..I was driving west towards Asheville on I-40..at approx 11:30 pm, I came upon this animal sitting upright in the middle of the interstate! sounds a little "far fetched" I know, but believe me, it was WAY too big to be a dog, and of course, dogs are terrified of cars-especially ones travelling at speeds in excess of 60 mph!! the cat was yellowish to brown in color and was sitting upright just as I've seen them do in pictures..it wasn't scared of my car in the least and just as I about 20-30 yds from it, it just slithered off the roadway..I couldn't believe what I had just seen! but am certain, beyond a shadow of a doubt that it was, indeed, a mountain lion! I didn't see it's head or face, but when I saw it scamper off, I knew it was huge cat!! wow, what a sight!!

jeffrey cadavero


bill

3 Posts

Posted - 08/06/2009 : 15:59:29      
Jeffery,
Where on I-40 were you when you saw the lion? Do you remember an exit number? I wonder if cats respond to bright, direct lights like deer? Deer sometimes seem to freeze in the middle of the road when they look directly into the ongoing

headlights. You're right, a dog wouldn't just sit there. Thanks for sharing that.

bill


Edward T Allred

 Posted - 08/12/2009 : 13:53:36      

Hello, I am a NC newbe to this forum.


USA
2 Posts

Cell

 Posted - 05/18/2011 : 10:56:19      

Last summer I read in the Knoxville News Sentinel that a woman had seen a large cat, (cougar), in her front yard in broad daylight in west Knoxville TN. Also, a friend of mine that lives in Onieda TN spotted a cougar on his property about a year ago. He owns 40+ wooded acres near the KY border, which is an excellent habitat for these animals. TWRA officials either refuse to comment, or dismiss these sightings.



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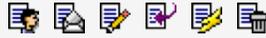
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I call him PUMA

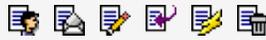
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Posted - 08/13/2009 : 15:52:10 

Yes, we saw one. My husband I both did this past Sunday around 7 to 7:30pm. Looked out and it had come out of the woods sitting down scratching it's ear. Less than 50 ft away. Light Tan in color, looks as if not a full adult yet, no markings. With a very long tail. I notified DNR, after much coaxing, he came out saw the paw print said it was probably a bear print, NO WAY. Never have seen a bear around here. He said probably a bob cat with a long tail. I told him, nope, its face was definitely not a bobcat and no markings. Why won't they try to at least understand there is the possibility. He just dismissed my claim. But I'll will keep looking. The dogs are howling at night, early morning about something in the timber. I know its my PUMA

amy

USA
15 Posts

Posted - 08/13/2009 : 16:29:08 

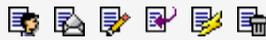
Can you take a clear photo of the track? We may be able to help offer a second, third and fourth opinion on the id of bear vs lion (or at least feline). There are many reasons why a wildlife official may want to deny presence, but with the recent FL panther killed I think it would be good to have proof so lions are better protected in the state. Feel free to email a photo to me at Amy@mountainlion.org

Thanks,
Amy

Amy Rodrigues
Outreach Coordinator
Mountain Lion Foundation
Saving America's Lion


I call him PUMA

USA
2 Posts

Posted - 08/21/2009 : 15:43:25 

Just wanted to say that after my article was in the local paper, there was another sighting of the exact animal that happened the end of July about 10 miles from me. I received a call from a lady who was cousin with the person who saw the mountain lion (PUMA) first, and I saw it later on, in August. This animal does exist!



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Author	Topic
Zizaukerik 1 Posts	<p>  Posted - 04/28/2009 : 16:37:44      </p> <p>I live here in middle TN and we have SEEN!! a big cat or cat's in and around my area I have seen a cat 3 times my self and I know I am not crazy. And there are about 15 or 20 other people around here that have seen them when we call the TWRA they tell us that we are seeing bobcat well I have never seen a bobcat that is big as a calf! the cat I have seen is about 3ft or so tall and has a long body with a tail about 3 or 4 foot long. Now what I am wanting to know is if Mountain lions can be found from Canada to south America why couldn't that come east as well? I am just trying to get info so I have all my bases covered incase one give me a shot. I think kill one is the only way I can show the TVRA that I am not crazy or lieing but I dont know how to hunt them LOL.if you would get back to me and help me out it would be a big thanks I am just worried about our livestock.</p>
zebrafit89 1 Posts	<p>  Posted - 05/05/2009 : 15:08:14      </p> <p>hello there, not to be mean or anything but if you read the website at all, this is a site to promote the protection and safety of mountain lions. I don't think they would appreciate you making a comment about killing one on here, and trust me, no one thinks you are crazy because you never know, you might have seen one 😊. Just please be more mindful to what you post. By the way, there are many websites including this one that tell the habitat ranges and such of the cougar.</p> <p></p>
amy USA 15 Posts	<p>  Posted - 05/07/2009 : 12:50:41      </p> <p>Thanks for the support, zebrafit, but I am not upset. We receive emails all the time from people in eastern states who swear they have seen lions but the local wildlife agency will not confirm. While this may be frustrating, killing the lion is not the solution. Lions have been known to move east... there are confirmed sightings, check out our newsroom for stories or visit http://www.easterncougarnet.org/bigpicture.html to see the Cougar Network's confirmed reports.</p> <p>Agencies are often hesitant to admit there may be lions in the state since the presence of the species means they would have to draft a management plan. This not only means time and money (and the challenge of monitoring a solitary and elusive cat), but sparks the debate between conservation advocates and hunting groups. I think you may find this article interesting, it talks more about the dilemma of confirming lions in the east: http://www.nwanews.com/adg/Sports/251800/</p> <p>Just a final word of advice, Zizau, if there is a lion in your area, it has probably traveled hundreds of miles searching for a territory. It is rare and should not be killed. If you are concerned about safety please read through some of our</p>

information in the library section. Sightings are rare and attacks ever rarer... states like Oregon predicted to have thousands of lions have never had a lion attack a person.. your odds of an encounter in TN are virtually non-existent. Please do not kill this animal just to prove you saw it. If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time. Thanks and take care.

Amy Rodrigues
Program Associate
Mountain Lion Foundation
Saving America's Lion



georgia

USA
1 Posts

Posted - 05/15/2009 : 20:57:19

I know someone who saw one in Gainesville, GA - In the Sardis Road area on Monday May 11th

We really think we saw a Mtn Lion in Gainesville, GA, anyone else?



robbint

USA
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Posted - 07/14/2009 : 13:06:45

quote:
Originally posted by georgia

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100% Mountain Lion



robbint

USA
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Posted - 07/14/2009 : 13:17:37

quote:
Originally posted by georgia

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We really think we saw a Mtn Lion in Gainesville, GA, anyone else?

I live in Cohutta, GA and had one jump out in the middle of the road in front of me on my way home this past Friday! It saw me and jumped back into the edge of the woods and just stood there. I stopped and was able to get a great look at it before to took off in the woods. I could not believe what I was seeing!! It was just down the road from my house and I just never thought I would see anything like it in the area. I did not call DNR and report it because I know of someone else who says they saw one a couple of weeks ago in a nearby county and called to report it and they told her she did not see one that we didn't have them in Georgia, but she wasn't the first to report seeing

one. Well I know what I saw and I know what it was! It was really beautiful and I would love to see it again, however I know the chances are slim.

Cohutta, GA is in Whitfield County which is in Northern Georgia and connects with TN.

100% Mountain Lion



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Nancy Gilman

USA
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 Posted - 09/06/2009 : 08:06:33      

Monday, August 31, 2009 about 7:00 PM - Large Cat, possibly Mountain Lion crossed the road in front of my car on my dirt road about 1/8 of a mile from my house in Killington, Vermont. He came up from the river and went up into the woods. His Long tail almost dragging on the road and his slow loping stride leave little question as to its identity.

Edited by - Nancy Gilman on 09/07/2009 11:09:19

LindaP

USA
1 Posts

 Posted - 09/30/2009 : 07:12:22      

Last Friday my mother and I were getting back from picking apples. She lives in Rutland Town in Vermont. Upon pulling into her drive way sitting on the hill in back of her home was a large animal. It tannish in color, had a white mouth with black running around it and two other black lines running down its face near the eyes. It sat their looking down at us for about 2 minutes. I have a Rottweiler which weighs 125 lbs. Comparing the size of my Rottweiler he was close to double the size of my dog. When he took of he swirled around and dug his back legs into the hill and was gone in a flash. What we saw was definitely a Mountain Lion.

Linda P



Teril

2 Posts

 Posted - 10/07/2009 : 07:54:35      

I saw a cub in Belvidere, Vt in April 2006. It was in a tree in the late afternoon sun with a long twitchy tail. I only saw it because I kept sensing something watching me while I was walking thru the woods. Unless it was a bobcat with a very long tail I have no doubts.

While I watched it with my binoculars, my intuition kept feeling fear from my left behind a blowdown. I pulled the binoculars away to look to my left where I felt uneasy and when I look back up in the tree it was gone. I walked sideways back to the truck with my walking stick held high over my head. I think momma was to my left out of sight. I now carry a pistol and would not hesitate to look for tracks if the opportunity ever presented itself again - which it probably won't since I am prepared. Anyone with any Vt sightings, scat, track casts, or pics please email me at teril65@gmail.com If we all work together we will have a better chance to confirm our sightings.



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Author **Topic**

donnettethayer

Posted - 06/16/2009 : 20:53:06

Hi everybody,

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If you have a minute, please sign my petition to prevent the South Dakota Game, Fish & Wildlife Department from raising the mountain lion hunting quota. It has increased consistently every year since hunting began in 2005.

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/BlackHillsMountainLions/index.html>

Edited by - donnettethayer on 06/16/2009 20:53:47

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Author **Topic**

Immistils

Posted - 04/28/2009 : 09:15:07

1 Posts

Hi, I live in Southern Vermont and have just discovered that I have a mountain lion living near by. I have several photos of it. I am wondering if there is some where I can report this sighting?
Thank you
Dennis

Helen

Posted - 04/30/2009 : 17:18:08

USA
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We in the Eastern Cougar Foundation would be interested in seeing the photographs. Send them to Chris Spatz at

ctspatz@earthlink.net.

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linky

Georgia
1 Posts

 Posted - 04/29/2010 : 12:57:10     

Even though the DNR says they can't adapt, we know for a fact that they can and have adapted to living in Georgia. The reason they deny it is mainly political. What a shame. This is an awesome cat! Very elusive, so we don't always know it's there. We would constantly hear something big breaking limbs when it walked, then one night had the fear and delight of finding out what it is. It screamed the most eeriest sound and my husband made the sound back at it. It again screamed and looked out from behind a tree on the trail in our back yard. It was not a bobcat, for it was way to large. Plus it didn't have markings or tufted ears. It was scary yet exciting to find out what had been growling, stalking, watching us. We haven't heard the screech lately, but we have heard the sound of a big cat attacking prey. We just have to keep our eyes and ears open. I also found the cat's print in the snow. Wow, was it big. I tried to take a picture of it on my cell phone but it wasn't clear. I know it's there and that's what matters!!

We have a mountain lion in our area, even though the DNR denies they exist in Ga. The blood-curdling-scream and seeing it is proof enough for me.

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katonthehill208

 Posted - 07/14/2010 : 09:05:59    

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MY NEIGHBOR AND HIS WIFE SAW A MOUNTAIN LION IN OUR ADJOINING YARDS. HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 3FOOT TALL, YELLOW IN COLOR WITH A LONG TAIL. WE LIVE IN NEW JOHNSONVILLE, APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 MILES FROM THE WILDLIFE REFUGEE AND 1 MILE FROM THE TENNESSEE RIVER. IN MAY OF THIS YEAR WE HAD A LARGE FLOOD THAT FLOODED ALL OF THE REFUGEE. SINCE KATRINA AND ALL THE FLOODING IN THOSE SOUTHERN STATES, TENNESSEE HAS RECIEVED NEW ANIMALS. ARMADILLOS ARE IN LARGE QUANTITY, AND MANY MORE BIRDS THAN BEFORE. WITH ALL THE FLOOD OF KATRINA AND THE MAY FLOODS IN MY AREA, I BELIEVE THESE ANIMALS ARE MIGRATING AWAY FROM FLOODED AREAS TO DRIER GROUND.

KATHY L. BENNETT

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jrmatthews9

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 Posted - 08/13/2009 : 11:02:12    

We really need some help protecting panthers / mountain lions here in Georgia. We have some rabid idiots that are for killing them...

USA
1 Posts

Please email: SEOLE@fws.gov and suggest that while accidental,

shooting a federally endangered specie is not legal and therefore warrants fine and short imprisonment.

We need some way to alert hunters that panthers are not fair game.

http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/news/breaking_news/story/798764.html

<http://bainbridgega.com/news/publish/080509panther.shtml>

<http://www.times-herald.com/Local/Troup-panther-was-originally-from-Florida--824455>

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SkiMaine

USA
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 Posted - 09/21/2009 : 21:25:06      

On Sunday morning Sept 6 at about 9:30 a. m. my wife and I along with another couple went to breakfast at Strokes Restaurant in the club house at the Sugarloaf Golf Course in Carrabassett Valley, Maine.

Near 10:00 my wife asked "what kind of animal is that?", pointing down a fairway. John and I stood up blocking my wife's view. What we saw was a light to medium tan animal about 100 yards away walking in a crouched stance toward the side of the fairway. The animal was about the size of a deer with much shorter legs, a long tail and the front shoulders that were above the backline. The animal then took off from both back feet in a pounce into the long grass not to be seen again.

I was instantly convinced that it was a Mountain Lion. My wife withheld her opinion until she looked at some pictures, she now agrees. John was unsure, but agreed that it could have been a Mountain Lion.

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Steven Petty

Canada
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Posted - 10/14/2009 : 15:36:18

Last March 22 while solo camping along the South Fork of the Salmon River, (about 15 minutes ride from Somes Bar, Siskiyou County), I had the, always hoped for but never realized, outdoor thrill of my 60 year life when a BIG mountain lion bounded effortlessly across the giant river boulders and stood on the last dry one right out in front of me. He stood there long enough for me to sprint barefoot through the forest to camp, grab the little digital and get back to the edge of the bank just in time to shoot him on the boulder, then emerging on the far shore, then walking up the rock bank, then a blur of him leaping the last yards to the bush line, then he was gone.

I had been sitting very still for quite sometime, the river was loud and I had been down wind from where he must have started his crossing , about 200 feet upstream, but as he progressed across he slanted out in front of me. I don't know if he knew I was there, but when he stopped on the boulder he started to look in my direction and slowly pace the flat rock. He probably saw me when I got up and went for the camera, even though I tried hard to keep low while going as fast as possible. He had chosen the shortest but most turbulent section of the river to cross, immediately above a falls. When I saw him spin around on that boulder, bound, then eject himself out into space above the white water I kinda lost my mind. Thoughts raced threw me, was he desperate, was he being pursued by dogs and hunters, had I frightened him, what? When he briefly disappeared under the waves my first reaction was to rush downstream to rescue him. (ya I know, go figure) I watched as he emerged from between the waves, explosive leg thrusts propelled the erect head and neck to the perfect haul-out, a flat, slowly emerging rock shoreline that the current washed up against before sliding over the falls. He was pushed directly onto this flat then casually walked out, looked over his shoulder in

my direction, took a few giant leaps and he was gone. It was all too perfect, he must have done this before. Total confidence, awesome prowess, it all left me slack jawed and shaking with excitement and sooo thankful. You can see a picture of him at my flickr site under Steven Petty.

Edited by - Steven Petty on 11/03/2009 12:45:32

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DewChugr

 Posted - 08/10/2009 : 19:01:43       

USA
1 Posts

I just found this site while looking for info on mountain lions and thought I'd post a message about our recent sighting.

We took a group of venture scouts out to Yellowstone and the Tetons a couple weeks ago. We went through the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore and Devils Tower on the way out.

Anyway, we spent way to much time at Rushmore which delayed Devils Tower a day and put us behind, which would turn out to be lucky. We didn't get to Yellowstone until 8p.m. and had to stay in a NFS campground outside the East entrance.

We decided to get up at 5a.m. to increase our chances of spotting wildlife. We drove into the East entrance and after we crossed the pass a short ways the road turned deep into a U valley and we spotted an adult Grizzly. We watched it from the road (a safe distance so as not to disturb the bear). After leaving the bear we headed out of the U towards the lake and about 100 feet in front of us a cougar walked up from the lake side of the road, crossed the road, glanced at us and walked off into the woods. By the time we got up to where he crossed the road he was back in the trees and I couldn't get a photo, but it was a big cat. Five of us in the car saw it, but our group in the car behind us missed it. We later talked to the park wildlife animal safety manager and he had never seen a cougar. The people we talked to at the ranger station said that there were

only 14-17 in the entire park. We later filled out a rare animal sighting form.

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outdooroddities

 Posted - 11/30/2009 : 09:46:27     

Check out this massive cat killed in Junction Texas. A shame, really.

USA
1 Posts

<http://www.outdooroddities.com/2009/11/30/another-huge-mountain-lion-taken-near-junction-texas/>

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 Posted - 12/30/2010 : 23:21:45     

I agree, it's a shame. Interesting reading of the comments. Many thought it was terrible yet another referred to them as "evil and had no place in nature." Humans are largely responsible for the atrocities of the world, not lions. There are levels of stupidity that simply cannot be fixed. Nobody wants a child to be taken by a lion but I disagree with some who said it's strictly about conservation and keeping numbers in check. They failed to mention that good \$ is being charged for licenses where the hunting limits have been increased. I wouldn't mind seeing some hunts accidentally disrupted. ;-)

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Author	Topic
Clara USA 1 Posts	<p data-bbox="470 430 1218 472">Posted - 03/09/2010 : 13:21:03</p> <p data-bbox="470 472 909 514">I'm so pleased to find this forum.</p> <p data-bbox="470 535 1331 1312">At about 9:45 yesterday morning (March 8th), I looked out my front window and was startled to see a mountain lion (tawny, muscular 100+ pounds, probably female, big-cat head, long tail), about 50 or 60 feet away from where I was inside my house. She was moving across the semi-treed property directly across the street from where I stood. She had approached, running, from a four-way street intersection and came forward in my house's direction and was near the edge of the street. I was afraid she would venture into the roadway which is sometimes heavily traveled by cars and trucks. Her movements were amazing -- leaps, turns, and at one time, she just sat and appeared to be pondering the situation and looking over at the window where I stood. She was beautiful. My dog was at another window and was doing low-key barking ... was visibly frightened. My husband watched through out another front window and was astonished to see the mountain lion. She was there, across the street, for approximately two minutes, during which time I was looking at her every feature and watching her move. The mountain lion decided not to come into the street, turned and, in a flash of speed and grace, moved away -- across the property, through the yard of the house across the street, and out of sight. I was thrilled, shaken, and concerned for her safety. At the same time, I worried about any dogs and cats who might be out in their yards.</p> <p data-bbox="470 1344 1331 1627">I did not call anyone because my fear was that the wildlife people or police would kill the mountain lion. Around here, guns seem to rule much of the time. I checked to see if there were any news reports about a mountain lion perhaps escaping from the local zoo, or being sighted by anyone else -- there was nothing. Further checking on the Internet revealed that the wildlife "experts" here deny that there are mountain lions in east Tennessee; in fact, one newspaper article gleefully disdains reports of sightings.</p> <p data-bbox="470 1669 1331 1890">There is absolutely no doubt that the animal we saw was/is a mountain lion. The most amazing thing of all is that this is a (residential) city street in Knoxville. There are scattered patches of woodland that are not far from here. It is astonishing that no one else in this populated area has sighted the animal (although maybe they are remaining silent about it). The experience humbled me and touched me deeply.</p>

Edited by - Clara on 03/09/2010 15:58:24

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FlashTranz

 Posted - 11/12/2009 : 12:04:37      

USA
1 Posts

I live on Short Mtn, near Liberty, TN. I saw a large cat coming towards me on a trail from 120' away. It was around 3 in the afternoon on a sunny day. It spotted/smelled me when it got 80' away and froze. We stared at each other for 15 seconds or so, and then it got spooked, turned and bolted in two leaps. Was definitely NOT a bobcat. The three things that struck me most were the large size and roundness of its head, its massive torso (well fed I presume), and massive upper legs. It had a tan coloration and no markings. I could not see its tail from my perspective as we were "face to face." I have heard from some neighbors that it may have been a "pet" released by a local. This is what the state wildlife folks think as well. The local hardware store in Smithville, TN also has a photo from a remote camera of a Mtn Lion dragging a buck on Short Mtn.

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Author	Topic	   
turassanosa	Posted - 05/07/2009 : 12:42:14      	   
1 Posts	<p>I had my very first mountain lion sighting tonight. It was at approximately 10:15 pm. I was driving north on Palisades Dr, in Pacific Palisades Highlands. The mountain lion passed in front of my car from West to East. It was for a brief moment but the profile was distinct. I am very familiar with the wildlife that inhabits the area.</p> <p>This was like nothing that I have seen previously. The body was low to the ground, long-tailed with a loping gait. A young mountain lion had been caught and tagged just a few miles from here in the Marquez area of the Palisades, and I wonder if it might be the same one.</p>	

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JamiesBird	Posted - 07/02/2009 : 22:15:53     	   
1 Posts	<p>I will be in Denver over the summer, are there mountain lions there and how would I find one in the wild?</p>	

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Author	Topic	   
usvet92 USA 1 Posts	 Posted - 10/22/2009 : 13:04:22      	
<p>On Monday Oct 18th at about 445pm a Mountain Lion ran in front of my car on Rt. 105 in Windsor Maine 2-3 miles from Hussey store on the Summerville side. This was a definate mtn lion. I've lived in maine and enjoyed the outdoors all my life. We have a bobcat that lives near our home that I see all the time so I know the difference. it was a great sighting!</p>		

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Louppybob 1 Posts	 Posted - 05/07/2009 : 08:02:51      	
<p>I live in Otisfield Maine near Thompson Lake. I run about a 4 mile route every other day and it takes me past a fairly new logging yard. I asked one of the folks that lives there if he had seen any bears in the clear cut. He said no but people have seen a Mountain Lyon around. Of course, like everyone else, I didn't believe him. Until last week I went for my usual jog past the above house and past the clear cut and to my surprise I saw an approx. 70lb mountain lyon cross the paved road in front of me, within about 20 yards!! very clearly visible. I ran down to the spot where he crossed (which I realized is a mistake now) but he/she was not in sight. This sparked my interest and concern. We have a huge deer and coyote population, and a elementary school near by, w/ in 8 miles.</p> <p>-Do these cats bury their scat? -What is their range? Ive read 30 miles and then another article</p>		

said up to 400 miles?
- what precautions to take with the school near by. and I have two small children 8 and 5 -game officials (like I didn't) don't believe the cats here in Maine. and need further proof

Thank you for your informative site and your time

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mellistm1

 Posted - 08/20/2010 : 09:47:24      

1 Posts

I and three people in my car watched a mountain lion in the Lake Lure area on Aug 2, 10pm local. We had a clear viewing twice, first about 40-50 feet away and then again 75-100 feet away.

This was a smooth golden coat with typical white/black face. Good looking, seemingly healthy, not overly muscular. Would say it was lean. 3ft high., 3-4 feet rump to snout. Completely unfazed, he looked right at us for a few seconds and then went about his business.

About a minute after sighting an elderly gent was walking his little dog toward the location of the sighting. Told him there was a ml down there and he quickly turned around and went back home.

I got two photos with cell phone camera, however it was dark and the lion was illuminated in headlights making for a rather dim set of shots, and of course had the camera settings on medium to conserve space. Should have had the geotagging and fine quality on, but thought i'd better just take the shots rather than monkey with the settings.

Very exciting to see something like that in the wild!! Can't figure out how to upload so if someone can tell me how to do that you all can judge for yourselves.

Edited by - mellistm1 on 08/20/2010 10:05:10

amy

USA
15 Posts

Posted - 08/20/2010 : 16:13:49      

Thanks for sharing your story. Unfortunately I don't think our forum supports photos. But you are welcome to post them on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mountain-Lion-Foundation/78947547204>) and will likely get some feedback from other members. Or, feel free to email them to me: amy@mountainlion.org and I'd be happy to take a look.

Have a good weekend,
Amy

Amy Rodrigues
Outreach Coordinator
Mountain Lion Foundation
Saving America's Lion


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Matthew Butler

USA
2 Posts

Posted - 10/07/2009 : 13:26:27      

the other night (10-4-09) we saw a large mountain lion crossing Old Topanga Canyon Blvd. (near the fire road) this was a large cat - i would guess over 200 lbs. This was an adult not a juvenile.
We think we are lucky to have seen such a sight - but a bit skittish too - he/she was big!
Anyway, thought you should all know that they're still here, thank goodness, but keep your little ones safe.
Enjoy, be smart,
Matt and Shelley

Matthew Butler

USA
2 Posts

Posted - 10/10/2009 : 12:05:23      

I'm interested to know if anyone else has seen mountain lions on Topanga ?


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Author  **Topic**    

Trobset  Posted - 04/26/2009 : 11:42:12     

2 Posts

I hear there are sightings of a young cougar near Corvallis, OR. Has anyone seen the cat or know if it will be killed? I heard something about putting it in a zoo.. but probably someone will shoot it first. :(

pumacoug  Posted - 05/08/2009 : 11:30:45     

USA
1 Posts

This cougar was spotted several times and even photographed. ODFW set live traps in the area and were unsuccessful in their attempts to catch it. Per the OR Cougar Management Plan if caught and healthy any young cougar will be relocated to an AZA accredited facility. There are presently seven openings for orphans such as this one in AZA zoos.

Pumascoug


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Author  **Topic**    

woodduck  Posted - 07/15/2010 : 13:25:18     

USA
1 Posts

I live at 4200' between the Blue Ridge Pky and the Smoky Mountains. It is some pretty wild country. On 6/27/10 about 3:30PM my friend was bush-hogging a lot below our house. I

heard him shout and later, brought the tractor down asking if I had seen the mountain lion? Unfortunately, I hadn't. He explained that his Daddy had, and others had, and now, he had. This guy is 50 and an experienced hunter. His expression, and the details he described, left no doubt. They match the other descriptions on the blog.

Two interesting things: 1st, I have a trail camera near my feeder and for the last two weeks, the regular animals have been absent. 2nd See the July 2nd "Haywood Co. Big Cat posting. This sighting is only a few miles for my home. My limited experience with a FL cat with a collar, says that they can range for miles.

Sure would be nice to catch this fellow or gal on my camera!

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Knitnenia	Posted - 05/07/2009 : 07:26:46 
1 Posts	I just wanted to say that I think that I saw a mountain lion in chelsea behind my work. there is a school down the road, and subdivisions around this area. I only saw the back end of it but I know that it was a big cat and it was brown. when I went to get a closer look I could not see it any more because it was walking through some dead weeds.

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kthutch04 USA 1 Posts	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p> Posted - 07/02/2010 : 16:15:06 </p> <p>My son, wife and I spotted a Mountain Lion/ Catamount last night, 01 July at approx 2130hrs. I live in the Upper Crabtree, Bald Creek area of Haywood County,NC off SR 209. My Westie was barking outside and heard a grunt noise from a deer outside. Took my "billion" candle power spot light on the front porch and started scanning the fresh cut hay field below and in front of the house. Spotted the eyes, watched it move for minute or two and thought it was a Bobcat or Coyote. The moon did shine some light down. Then it turned and walked parallel and I got behind my 60 x 100 bino's on a tripod and saw a LARGE brown/tan cat 3.5 to 4 ft in length 2 plus feet high cat face with small triangle ears and a 24inch long tail. BEAUTIFUL & BIG. At least 100 pounds or more. Was 100 to 150 meters away the entire 5-6 mins watching. My son (22) and wife also saw it and it disappeared in the brush. Wife could not see the length of it. No we were or had not been drinking. Awesome site. Probable once in a lifetime. There are "Painters" in this area and a lot of us locals do believe. v/r LTC(Ret) Kyle Hutchison</p> </div>

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EvvkaOlssen 1 Posts	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p> Posted - 04/27/2009 : 22:02:59 </p> <p>I think I heard a lion roaming by our property last night around 10:30 p.m. It was screeching a loud noise. It was a horrible noise. Could this have been a lion? We live where wild animals live at the 3000 elevation.</p> </div>

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Author	 Topic 	   
<p>PJ Meyer</p> <p>USA 2 Posts</p>	<p> Posted - 04/04/2010 : 16:53:45     </p> <p>While listening to my scanner, Easter afternoon, I heard the report of a mountain lion, fifty yards behind a residence in the Georgetown/Wentworth Springs Rd. area. Dispatch notified the deputy that there were no wardens available so the deputy when to investigate. Twenty minutes later the deputy arrive and over the scanner I heard him report that the cat was DOA. I'm waiting to see if it makes it into the local media or daily sherriff incident reports (available online) and will report further news. -Peter Meyer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">   </p>

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Author **Topic**

BusyBledy

1 Posts

Posted - 04/28/2009 : 00:39:35

Are there mountain lions in SE Wisconsin? My son was coming home in the county last night, dark road, no street lights, and a large cat-like animal ran in front of his car. Long tail, powerful chest.

He turned the car around to see if he could spot the animal again and could dimly see it sitting as a cat does, but couldn't see it clearly.

Thanks for your help.

Helen

USA
4 Posts

Posted - 04/30/2009 : 17:14:27

In the winter of 2008 a mountain lion crossed southeastern Wisconsin. It was shot in Chicago on April 15, 2008. DNA analysis of blood spots it left in Wisconsin demonstrated it was the same cougar.

In early March a young adult male was treed on 3 successive days near Spooner in the west central part of the state. The Wisconsin DNR has not been able to locate it since then.

These are the only confirmations in Wisconsin in more than 100 years, although many other people say they have seen them recently. There is a Yahoo discussion group dedicated to discussion of Midwestern cougar sightings -

http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/cougars_mtlions/

You can read news articles about the Spooner cougar in the blog of the Eastern Cougar Foundation, www.easterncougar.org.

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Author **Topic**

vomastic

2 Posts

Posted - 05/24/2010 : 11:03:11

I live in the mountains of Colorado, just west of Colorado Springs and north of Manitou Springs in a community called Crystal Park. I have lived here for the past 8 years and consider it a privilege to live among the wildlife of the community which

includes bobcats, bears, foxes, deer and of course mountain lions. I have averaged about 6+ sightings a year for mountain lions. I recently joined Facebook and posted a few photos and now a video. Just log into Facebook and search "John Vomastic"

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PyncErrohonna

 Posted - 04/29/2009 : 00:37:54       

1 Posts

a co-worker of mine saw a mt. lion about a month ago walking down the side of interstate 90 near the sparta exit at about 7 a.m. when he called 911 the woman said he was the third report she had taken on that cat

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Author

 **Topic** 



rednc@aol.com

 Posted - 06/21/2010 : 15:37:58       

USA
2 Posts

Our family was at my cousin's place up in the NC mountains this past week of June 11th-June 20th. Our grown children and their friends were at ground-level on the front porch of the cabin visiting. I was out on the back deck resting when i noticed a very low barely noticeable growling. My ears perked up and as i leaned over the rail, i heard it more clearly. It diminished as i strained to hear it. I thought it was a bear passing through. My husband and i went out a day or two later and we found a track. I wasnt sure if it was a bear or a bobcat until today when i looked it up. Now i am pretty sure it was a bobcat or mountain lion. It had a large back pad and all i could see was three front pads but i must have missed the fourth pad.
I wish i could have taken a picture of it. Anyway that's my story. Oh and one of the roads going up to the cabin is Bobcat Mountain Rd. :)

S. Redd

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Mary Evans

 Posted - 06/21/2010 : 15:58:52     

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On Friday June 11th my husband and I watched as a large mountain lion emerged from the small valley below our house. We were sitting on the deck enjoying a drink at about 8:30 PM and noticed a deer grazing below us, I was watching her with my telescope to see if she had fawned yet and had any udders. We live on a major deer trail and had seen a few fawns earlier in the day. As I watched she became very alert with ears pointing forward, then ran uphill in panic. Still watching but without the telescope, out wandered the lion.

My husband and I were in total disbelief and in awe at how calm

the cat seemed to be looking at us, not too concerned about being spotted. The cat sauntered up the road and lay in the cool shade for about 10 minutes.

I'm sure it wasn't appropriate, but we fired our shotgun well away from the cat to warn it. I often walk by myself and we have neighbors and pets and really felt threatened.

A week later my neighbor was weeding by his front door area around noon and heard a cough/snort and realized that the lion was laying in the bushes not 10 feet from him. So needless to say we are being extremely cautious and have posted warning signs by our communal mailboxes to warn anyone else who might be enjoying a singular walk in the neighborhood. Has anyone else seen a mountain lion in the area? Thanks!

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Hey All - My friend and I were reviewing pictures from a trail cam that I had set up in southern NH. We came across a picture with an unknown creature moving along a trail.

In the past, I've photographed bobcats (with the image confirmed by a Univ of NH biologist), bears, coyotes, fishers, foxes, etc. with my trail cams. My friend showed it to a bunch of people where he works (he is a doctor at a hospital) and someone at the hospital thought it was a picture of a mountain lion. This fellow and my friend believe that this photo shows a mountain lion based on the size of the creature, the shape of its head, nose and ears, and the pronounced profile of the shoulder (which is unlike the shoulder of a dog).

Here is a reduced size image of the mystery beast. Unfortunately it was moving quickly along a trail and the picture is blurred. This picture is taken in an area where there are tons of deer.

<http://home.comcast.net/~cynergyou/PRMS0061sm.JPG>

Here is a picture of a buck standing next to that same tree for a size reference...

<http://home.comcast.net/~cynergyou/PRMS0081sm.JPG>

Lastly, here is a picture of some creature's butt taken on the same trail at a later date. Unfortunately, I did not get any photos of the front of the beast.

<http://home.comcast.net/~cynergyou/PRMS0064sm.jpg>

What do you think? Is the photo of the blurred creature in the first photo some kind of cat? It doesn't look like a dog based on the profile of the creature, but I don't know what it is.

Here are some high resolution versions of the three images for your reference...

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Thanks in advance!

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