

Written by Jasmine

Hello fellow students. My name is <u>Jasmine</u> and I'm a 5th grade student at an elementary school in Watsonville. I'm in a special class where we are learning about wetlands and I'd like to share with you about what wetlands are, how important they are, and an animal of particular interest to me, <u>Bobat</u>.



About me ...

But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.

Ice cream, pizza, Cherries, flowers, butterflies, dogs, Music, and I pod touch.



Okay, now I'm ready to write about what wetlands are, their importance, and facts about one of my favorite animals, Bobcot

First, wetlands are essentially a very unique ecosystem in that the land is always, or at least most of time, wet-hence the name, wetlands. This ecosystem has special characteristics such as:

It's muddy, wet, and has a lot of cool plants.



Second, 90% of the wetlands have been destroyed due to development and unsustainable farming practices. That means only 10% remain today. We must conserve and protect this ecosystem.

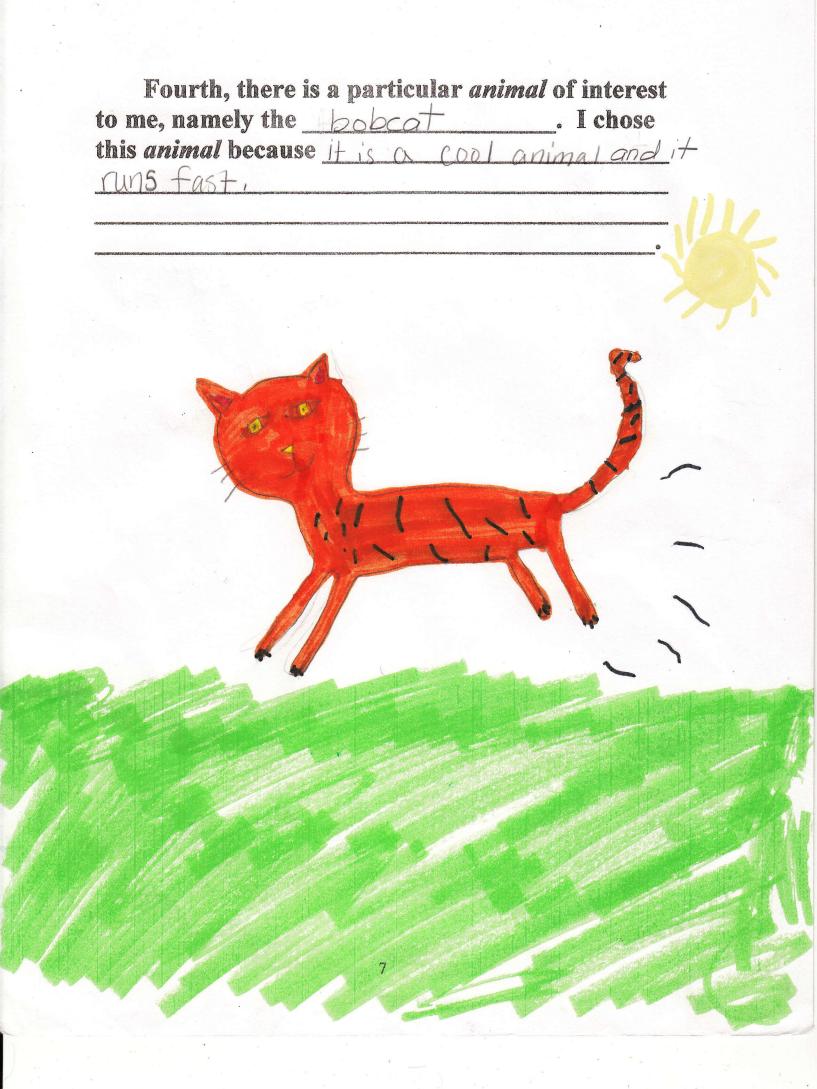
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Third, we are very fortunate to literally have wetlands as part of our community. They serve many important purposes, such as:

They keep Later clean and absorb all the



In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the bobat. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, behavior, if the animal camouflages, adaptations, range, migratory, population, status, reproduction, habitat, prey, predators, where animal fits in food web, and whether the Ohlone Indians used the animal for food, clothing, or other purposes. I hope you enjoy the book!



Classification

The bobcat is a <u>Vertebrate</u>
because it <u>has</u> a backbone. It is classified
as a <u>mammal</u> because it has fur, it's
warm blooded, and the babies drink
milk from their mother



The bobat has two names.

The common name is bobat, and the scientific name is 1 yax rufus

In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.

Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...

My animal's coat color is beige and it will vary according to thier local area. The height of the book cat is 17-23 inches. The length of the book cat is 25-41 in ches. The Weight of the book cat is 16-28 bs males 10-18 105 females. I if espan 12-13 years.



Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?

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in forests and grassy hills; even the desert.

They can be found from southern Canada, throughout
the USA and into Northern and central Mexico



Migratory...does it travel from one wcanon wanother during seasons?

The bob cat does not migrate. For example, bob cats are territorial animals and do not migrate. They usually stay close to their dens

The population of my animal is approximately The status of the bob cat tells me whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable. What I found out is that the bobcat fairly stable . I find this interesting because a lot of land is being build with houses and Shopping centurs. I'm glad byboats still have to live.

Reproduction

The reproduction of the	bobcat	is
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Habitat...home

The hobcats habitat is mountains, forests, and grassy hills. They also live in deserts, wooded areas, semi-deserts, urban edges, forest edges, and swamp lands.



Prey and predator...(to eat and to be eaten)

The prey my animal eats are: [abbits redents, birds and bats and if they can't find anything else they will even attack a deer.

My animal eats other things such as:

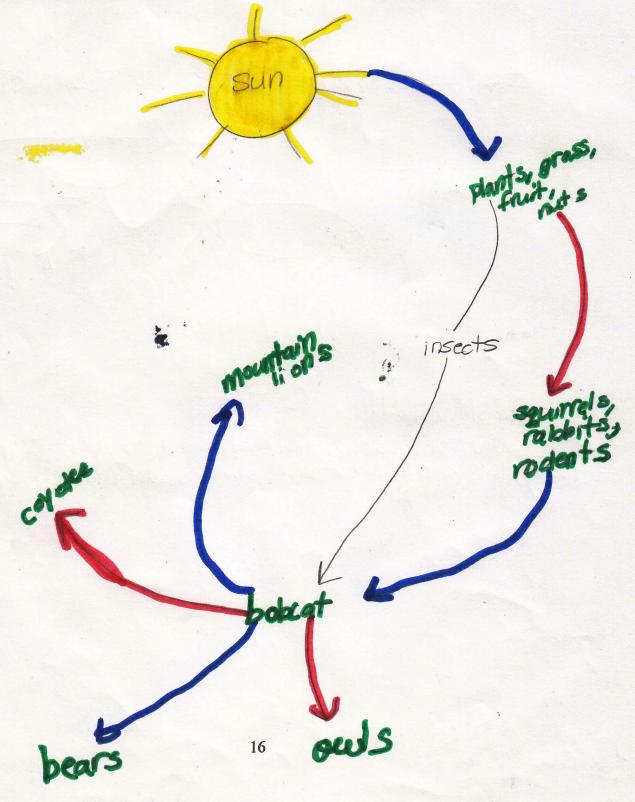
rats, mice, rabbits, Squirrels, carrien and insects.



The predators that eat me are: Mountain lions, Coyotes, Wolves, bears, Lilddogs, lynxes, Wolverines, engles, Ospreys, hawks, owls, and foxes all prey on bobcats.

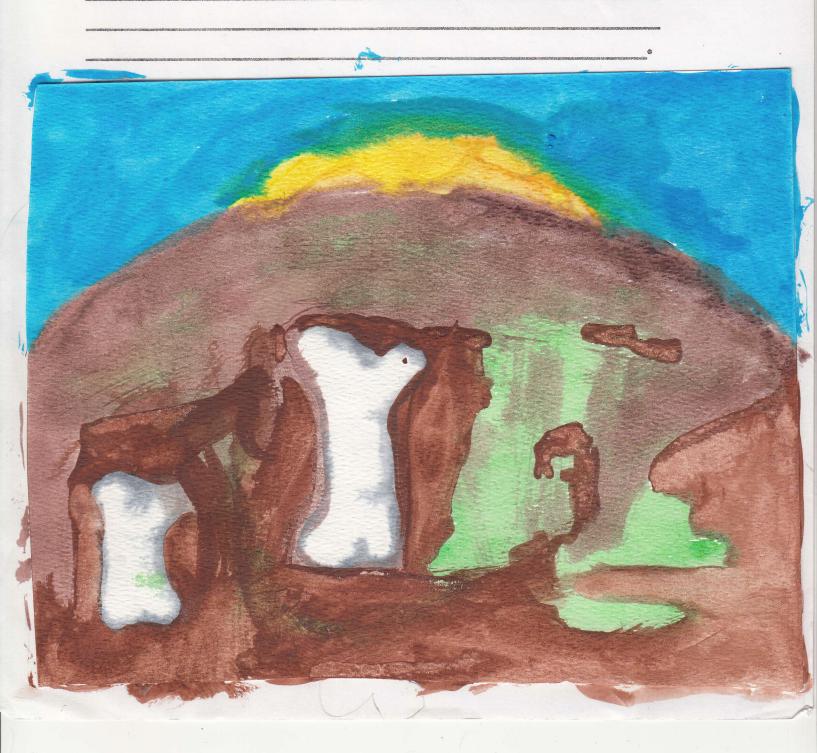
Food web

My animal is a <u>boacat</u>. The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.



Ohlone Indians

I'm curious to see if the Ohlone Indians used the bobcat in anyway, for example, for food, clothing, or for other purposes. What I discovered their remains in Ohlone Shellmannds



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Thank you for reading my book. I hope you
enjoyed it and learned a lot about the bobcas
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comment about my book and also, test your
knowledge by answering the following questions
below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Questions for you: (See if you can answer these...)

- 1. What is the habitat of the bobcot?
- 2. What is the range of the bobcat?
- 3. Do You know the reproduction Of the bobcat?