



# MOONLIGHT

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Bob Eck, the carver who created Moonlight said, "The Bobcat is a very special carving for me. If just one child enjoys my creative effort it will have been worth it. I will feel honored." Bob, if you only knew!

Moonlight is always a favorite. We can't even count the number of kids who have hugged her around the neck!



## BOBCAT

The Bobcat is the smallest cat of the Lynx family. Adults are usually between 28 and 48 inches long and weigh between 15 and 35 pounds, males being larger than females. By comparison, a healthy house cat is usually in the 10 pound range. Bobcats eat small prey like rodents and rabbits. In winter, a bobcat will also take a small deer if the opportunity presents itself. Bobcats make many sounds like hissing, snarling, spitting and meowing.

A female bobcat is called a Queen and males are called Toms. They are usually tan with black markings, turning reddish-tan in the warmer seasons.

In the Adirondack environment, Bobcats are generally nocturnal and smaller than in more stable climates. Here, males average 21 pounds and females average 14 lbs.

In the Catskill Mountains of southern New York, a male Bobcat's range will encompass 14 square miles. In the Adirondacks a single male Bobcat will range over 136 square miles.