



LYNX CAT (BOBCAT)

GRADING SECTIONS

There are three main sections.

Easterns: Pelts in the Eastern Section originate from the Eastern United States and Eastern Canada. The dividing line is the Manitoba, Ontario border and the Minnesota, Dakota border. Eastern cats are good for size and range from Heavy to Semi Heavy in weight. Back colours are light brown to reddish brown. Bellies tend to be slightly off to off in clarity.

Westerns: Western cats, have brighter clearer bellies and paler backs. Weights range from Heavy to Semi Heavy and sizes are good. The exception to this is the Western Coastal cat which has a very red back and off coloured belly.

Southern: The Southern section contains cats from the Southern United States. The cats are generally very flat, bellies are off colour and backs are darker and sometimes very spotted. Southern cats are often called "Bobcats".



(a) very early (b) slightly early (c) prime (d) late

PRIMING SEQUENCE OF THE LYNX CAT
TOP: WHOLE PELTS
BOTTOM: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR

SIZE

XL	Over 91.44 cm	Over 36"
L	81.28-91.44 cm	32-36"
M/SM	Under 81.28 cm	Under 32"

COLOUR

Pelts are sorted into three main back colour categories: pale, medium and dark. Within each of these categories pelts will be described as "blue" or "red". Should sufficient quantities exist, spotted backs will be lotted separately from the plain backs.

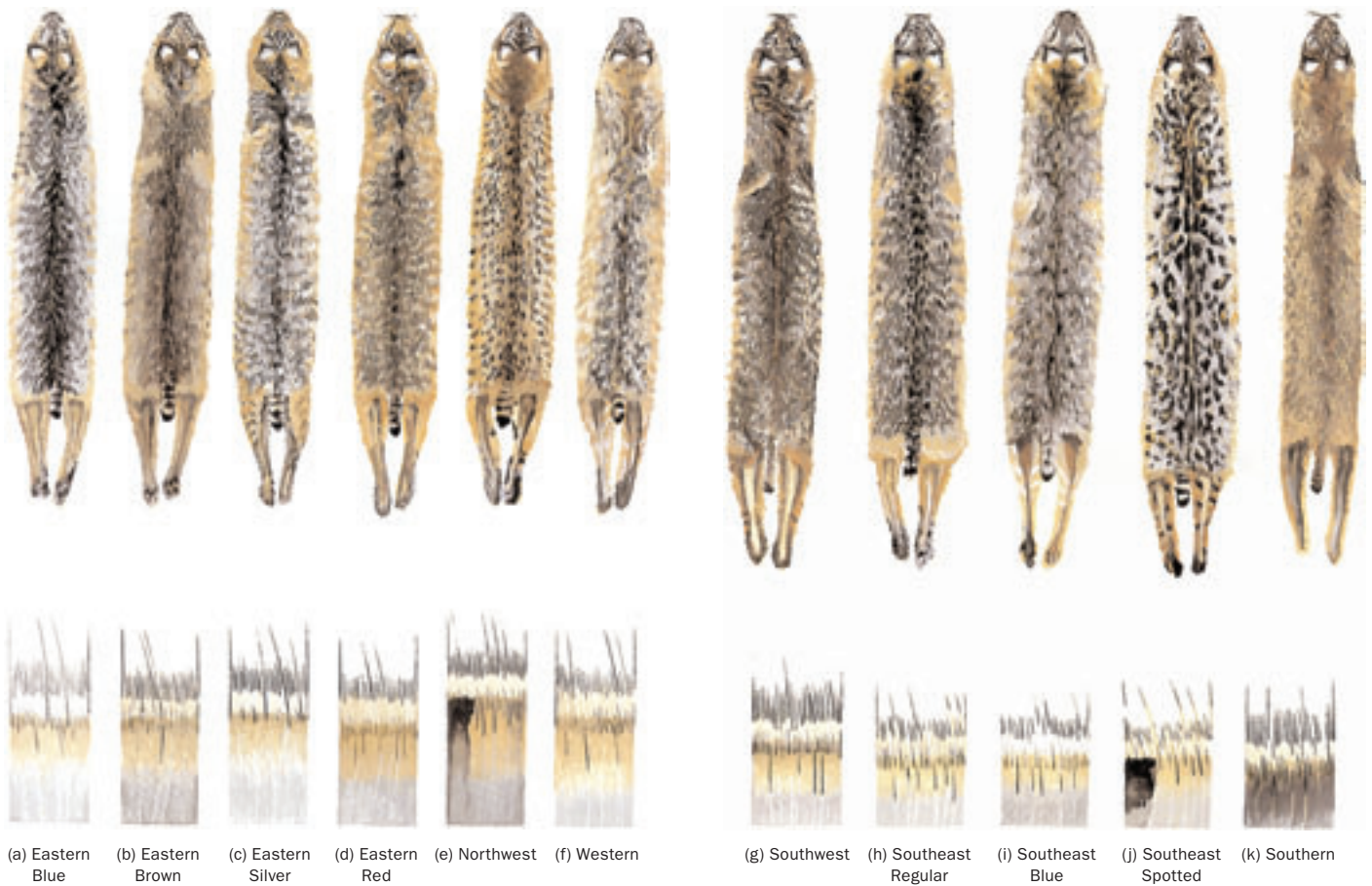
CLARITY

Pelts are sorted into 4 belly clarities:

1-2	X CLEAR/ CLEAR	Very bright, wide belly with little or no yellow cast.
3	SLIGHT OFF	Yellowish tinge in the belly
4	OFF	Dark yellow to orange cast
5	BADLY OFF/ STAINED	Very orange, dirty cast or stained from lactating females.

CATALOGUE SECTION I

SEL	SELECT	The best possible quality. Fully prime, completely covered skins with dense under fur. They are free of imperfections with very full bellies.
I	FIRST	Fully prime skins free of imperfections. The backs and bellies will be slightly weaker than a SEL.
I-II	FIRST AND SECOND	These pelts are weaker than a I. They will be lighter in weight with less coverage and weaker bellies.
II	SECOND	These pelts are distinctly weaker than a I-II. The backs will be poorly covered and the bellies will be loose.



LYNX CAT PELTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE SECTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA SHOWING VARIATION IN COLOUR AND FUR LENGTH
TOP ROW: WHOLE PELTS | BOTTOM ROW: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR

CATALOGUE SECTION III

III	THIRD	Unfinished, early skins which will be flat and dull with very little character. They may also be very late or springy skins which will be very poorly covered and very boardy.
IV	FOURTH	Either extremely early skins, very late skins, or badly damaged skins.
SDG	SLIGHT DAMAGED	<p>GOOD (Gd): Pelts of good quality (SEL, I), with slight imperfections such as small holes, clips, tears or sews.</p> <p>POOR (Pr): Pelts of average quality (I-II, II) with slight imperfections such as small holes, clips, tears or sews.</p>
DGD	DAMAGED	<p>GOOD (Gd): Pelts of good quality (SEL, I) with more imperfections than a SDG.</p> <p>POOR (Pr): Pelts of average quality (I-II-II) with more imperfections than a SDG. This grade will also contain tainted or snared skins.</p>



(a) Clear (b) Slight Off (c) Off (d) Stained
CLARITY CATEGORIES OF THE LYNX CAT

NOTE: It should be noted that the Lynx Cat are CITES species.