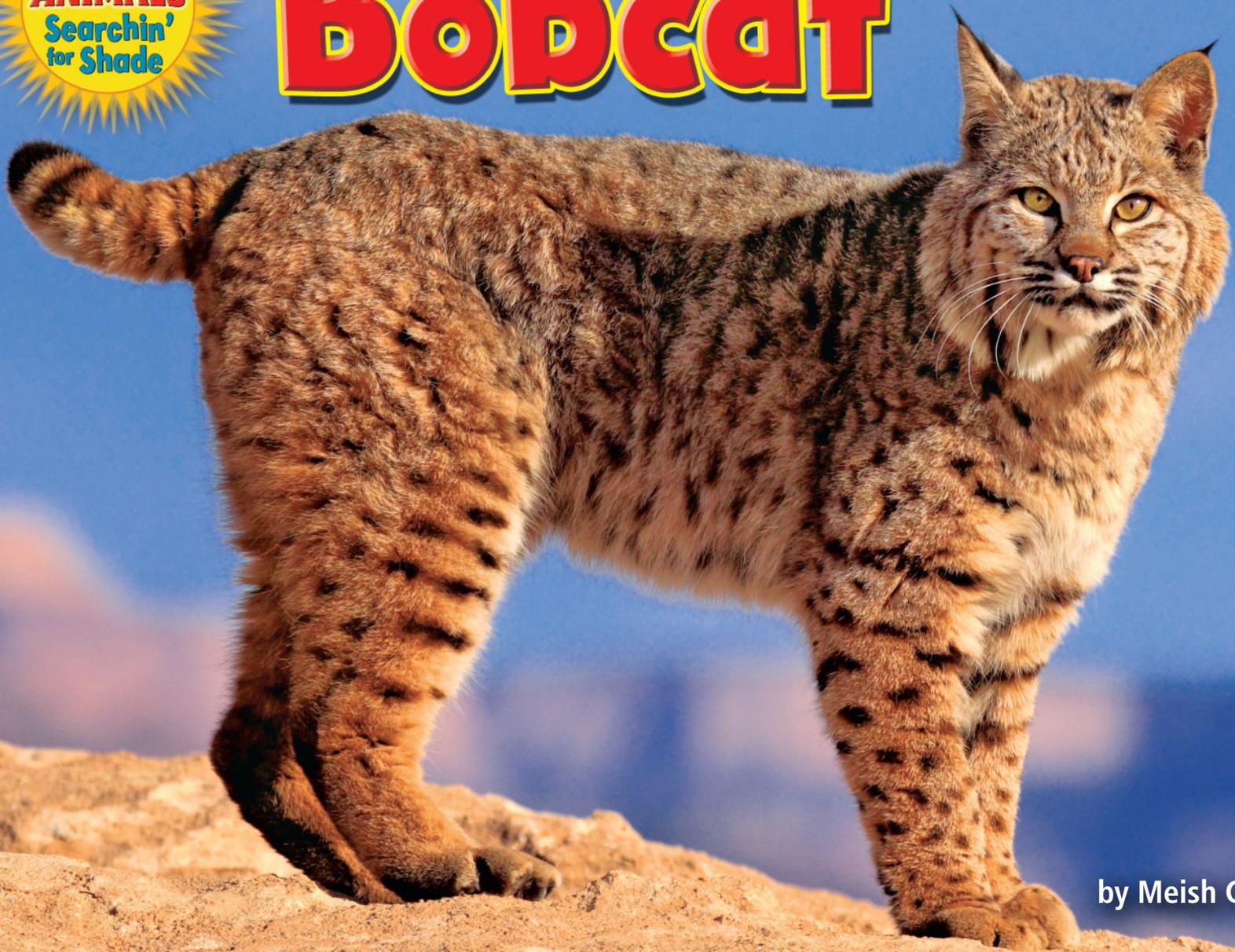


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Waiting for Sundown

It's a hot summer afternoon in the **desert**.

A bobcat rests in the shade under a bush.

The bobcat will wait for the sun to go down.

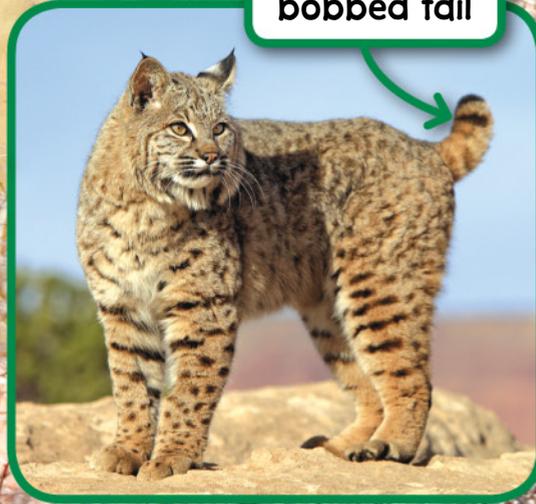
Then it will hunt for a meal in the cool, dark night.



desert

The bobcat is a member of the cat family. This group includes animals such as lions, tigers, mountain lions, and pet cats. The bobcat gets its name because of its short, or bobbed, tail.

bobbed tail



a bobcat resting in the shade



Staying Cool

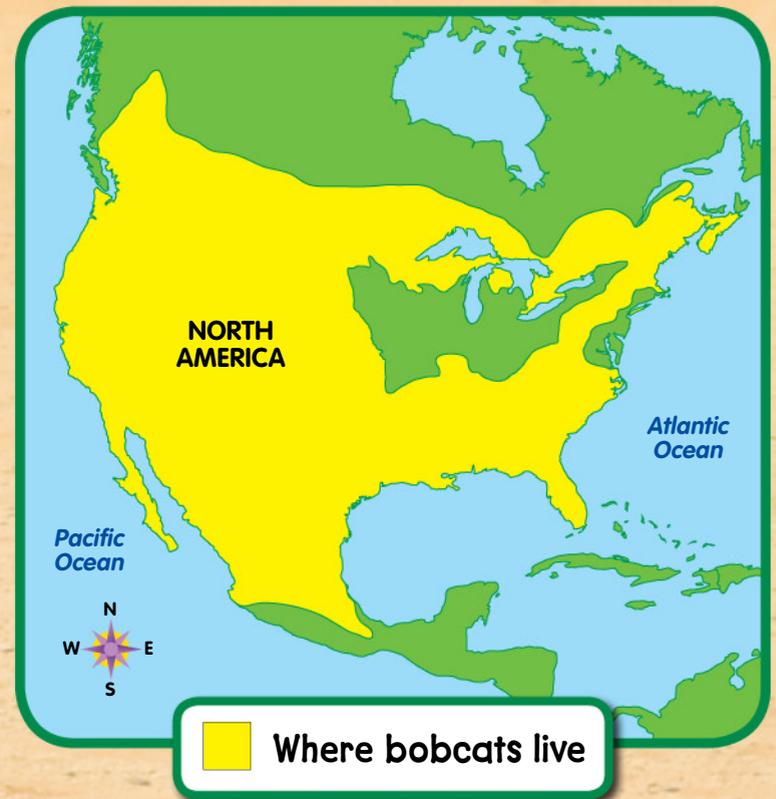
Bobcats are found only in North America.

Besides deserts, they also live in forests and swamps and on mountains.

In the desert, temperatures can rise to more than 120°F (49°C).

During the hottest part of the day, bobcats find shady places to rest.

They stay cool inside **hollow** logs, under bushes, or in caves.



What kinds of desert animals do you think bobcats eat?

A close-up photograph of a bobcat resting on a large, reddish-brown rock. The bobcat has light brown fur with darker stripes on its face and chest. Its eyes are a pale green color, and its ears are large and pointed. The background is dark and out of focus, with a green cactus visible in the upper left corner.

A bobcat may
find a different
place to rest
every day.

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Answers for Page 22

- A is a coyote.
- B is a bobcat.
- C is a mountain lion.
- D is a red fox.

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**DESERT
ANIMALS**
Searchin'
for Shade

Bobcat

It's a cool night in the desert. A bobcat walks slowly on the rocky ground, careful not to make any noise. Suddenly, it spots a rabbit. The large cat crouches down and leaps through the air towards its prey. The bobcat grabs the rabbit with its sharp teeth and claws. Welcome to life in the desert!

Look inside to learn all about this intriguing desert dweller, including where the bobcat lives, how it claims an area as its own, and how it survives in its hot, dry home.

Bark Scorpion

Bobcat

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