



# MOUNTAIN LION SAFETY

## MOUNTAIN LION, PUMA, PANTHER, OR COUGAR

Mountain lions have many names and are important parts of nature. These wildcats are large predators throughout the Americas, eating everything from deer to rabbits to birds.

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## HIKING SAFETY

Hike in groups. Don't let small children and pets out of sight, especially in forested areas in mountains or valleys.

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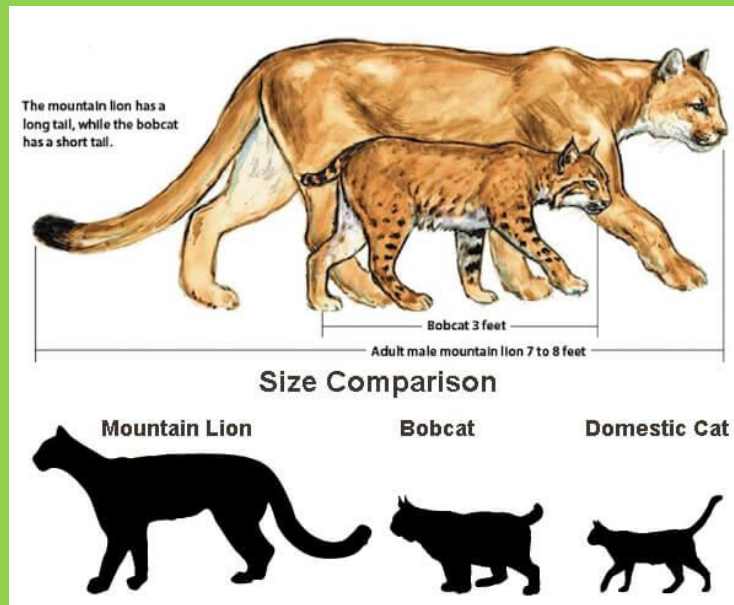


## ARE THEY DANGEROUS?

- Fewer than 10 fatal attacks in California since 1890.
- Most attacks are from young male mountain lions.
- Attacks are extremely rare, but almost always on individuals alone during dawn or dusk.

## BE SAFE!

- **If you come across a mountain lion:**
- **Be loud!** Make noise to try and scare the animal away.
- **Look large!** Stand up, wave your arms, and hold your ground.
- As a last resort, **throw rocks** or logs.
- **Don't run!** Back away slowly facing the animal.



## QUICK FACTS

Bobcats are much smaller and almost never attack people, though they might attack small pets and farm animals left outside at night. Mountain lions can reach 200 lbs. whereas bobcats are only around 15 – 20 lbs. Mountain lions have long tails and solid color fur as adults.

