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**Key to Wild Cats Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1a. The cat has a short tail……………………………………………………….go to Step2**

**1b. The cat has a long tail………………………………………………………….go to Step 3**

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 **and long,beard-like cheek ruff……………………………………….it is a lynx, *Felis lynx***

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 **and a broad cheek ruff………………………………………………………it is a bobcat, *Felis rufus***

**3a. The cat has a plainly colored body………………………………..go to Step 4**

**3b. The cat has a patterned body………………………………………….go to Step 7**

**4a. The cat has a distinct mane around**

 **its neck (males only)…………………………………………………………..it is a lion, *Panthera leo***

**4b. The cat has no mane around its neck…………………………..go to Step 5**

**5a. The cat is mostly tan to brown in color………………………go to Step 6**

**5b. The cat is black in color…………………………………….it is a black leopard, *Panther pardus***

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**7a. The cat has an orange colored body with noticeable**

 **black stripes……………………………………………………………….it is a Bengal tiger, *Panthera tigris***

**7b. The cat has a pattern on its body other than stripes……………go to Step 8**

**8a. The cat is clearly larger than a house cat…………………..go to Step 9**

**8b. The cat is about the same size as a house cat…………..it is a margay, *Felis wiedii***

**9a. The cat has black-bordered brown spots, tending to**

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**9b. The cat is large, spotted with black rosettes or rings in**

 **horizontal rows…………………………………………………………………..it is a jaguar, *Panathera onca***

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2. **Bobcat, *Felis rufus***
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5. **Jaguar, *Panathera onca***
6. **Margay, *Felis wiedii***
7. **Jaguarondi, *Felis yagouarundi***
8. **Lion, *Panthera leo***
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