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## My, What Big Claws You Have, Bobcat Kitten!

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As part of this study, we're also collaring and tracking bobcats and coyotes. Our researchers have developed methods to identify potential bobcat breeding events and dens using GPS data. We spotted a cluster of overlapping GPS collar points for a male and female bobcat back in March. Two months later, another cluster of GPS points led us to the female's den, where we found a litter of kittens, three females and one male. We weighed and measured them before putting them back in the den.

We don't know much about kitten survival rates during the first few months of life, and GPS collars are helping our researchers fill in the gap. These bobcat kittens are young, but they're feisty! Our staff has been trained and vaccinated, and we keep handling to a minimum. If you see a bobcat kitten in the wild, admire those paws and claws from afar!

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Close-up on a bobcat kitten (left); bobcat kitten hiding in brush (right).