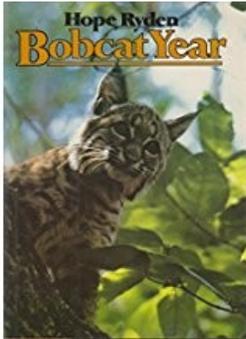


Reading Nook—share your treasures

From Betty Zajac, suggestions from last month's speaker on native cats of Texas



Bobcat Year

Author, Hope Ryden

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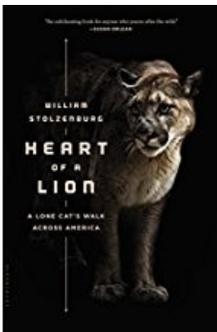
By [R. M. Watkinson](#) April 4, 2011
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Ms. Ryden's study of the bobcat became a great challenge to document effectively. She spent time observing members of the species in many locations, with varying success, and returned with a great deal of knowledge but no straight-forward way to present it. I found her solution worked quite well, despite my initial skepticism.

The narrative, an overview of a year in one (representative) bobcat's life, did not degenerate into mawkish sentimentality as the animals struggle for survival and sometimes fail. There were only one or two moments of "preachy" environmentalism which, given the year it was written, showed a great deal of restraint.

Did it read like it could be made into a PBS documentary or a Disney movie from the 1960's? Yes, but in giving the information in a story line, it presented the information in a way that made it more easily retained. The activities of each season, and the behaviors necessary for maturation and survival in each season, are specific, and information regarding members of the species living in different climates and terrain is provided without being cumbersome and distracting.

Well worth reading!"



Heart of a Lion

Alone cat's walk across America

Author, William Stolzenburg

"Late one June night in 2011, a large animal collided with an SUV cruising down a Connecticut parkway. The creature appeared as something out of New England's forgotten past. Beside the road lay a 140-pound mountain lion. Speculations ran wild, the wildest of which figured him a ghostly survivor from a bygone century when lions last roamed the eastern United States. But a more fantastic scenario of facts soon unfolded. The lion was three years old, with a DNA trail embarking from the Black Hills of South Dakota on a cross-country odyssey eventually passing within thirty miles of New York City. It was the farthest landbound trek ever recorded for a wild animal in America, by a barely weaned teenager venturing solo through hostile terrain. William Stolzenburg retraces his two-year journey--from his embattled birthplace in the Black Hills, across the Great Plains and the Mississippi River, through Midwest metropolises and remote northern forests, to his tragic finale upon Connecticut's Gold Coast. Along the way, the lion traverses lands with people gunning for his kind, as well as those championing his cause. Heart of a Lion is a story of one heroic creature pitting instinct against towering odds, coming home to a society deeply divided over his return. It is a testament to the resilience of nature, and a test of humanity's willingness to live again beside the ultimate symbol of wildness. "

Quoting from Amazon

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**Green milkweed masquerading as a peacock-
from Dorothy Thetford**

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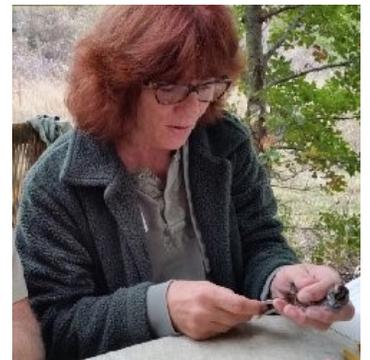
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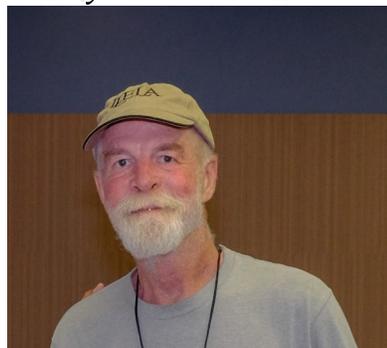


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Last Word



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Great egret with fish at Lake Texhoma by Ken Agee shared by Jan Hodson



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