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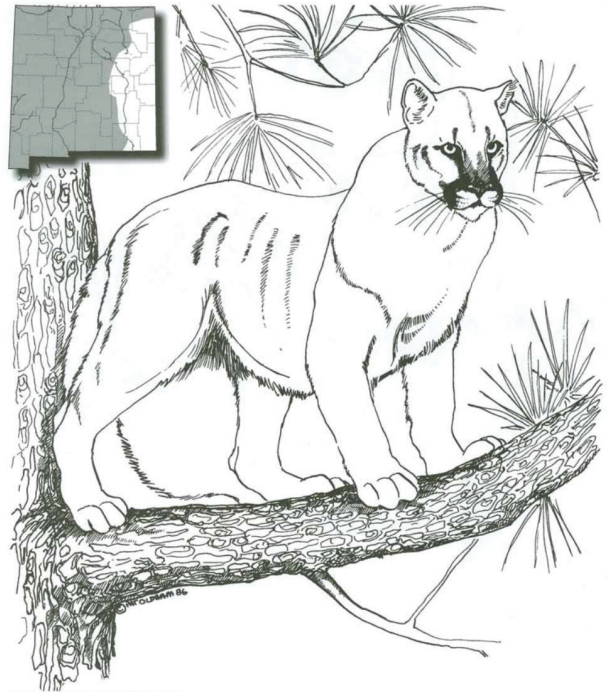
Learning by Coloring - Mountain Lion

Grade level:

Pre-K to 4th

Objective:

Learn about mountain lions in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about them. Mountain lions are known by many names, including puma, cougar and panther. Although the scientific name, *Puma concolor*, means 'cat of one color,' the dominant tan or light-cinnamon color of the cougar is contrasted by its white chest and underside. Black appears on the muzzle, backs of the ears and the tip of the tail. Size and weight of cougars vary. Adult males are larger—often measuring up to eight feet in length and weighing 150–200 pounds. Adult females usually measure up to seven feet in length and average 90–110 pounds.



MOUNTAIN LION

Also known as cougar or panther, in New Mexico, mountain lions live in forests, rocky canyons and deserts. They move around mostly at night and feed primarily on deer, elk and occasionally livestock. Mountain lions can travel 20-30 miles a day in search of food. They can reach 9 feet in length from tail to nose and weigh up to 220 pounds. They are the most widely distributed mammal in the New World ranging from the Yukon to southern Argentina and Chile. Considered a big-game mammal, their hunting is managed in New Mexico to ensure their long-term survival.



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