

The U.S. Penny Bobcat

Named for its stubby or "bobbed" tail, the Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) is a medium-sized cat native to North America. U.S. stamp illustrator, Nancy Stahl, created the stylized digital design that was issued as three separate coil stamps between 2012 and 2015 to satisfy 1¢ rate hikes. She was a guest speaker at the New York 2016 meeting of the Cats on Stamps Study Unit.



2015 1¢ BOBCAT COIL STAMP

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This 1-cent stamp features a bold graphic of a bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), a member of the feline family found across the United States. The bobcat's golden eyes and pink nose make a striking contrast with its fur, rendered in shades of brown.

The bobcat is a medium-size cat, and is a proficient hunter, stalking its prey with patience and stealth. Much of its diet consists of rabbits and rodents, but the bobcat is not particular when it comes to choosing its next meal. Bobcats are found in a wide range of terrestrial environments, including mountains, forests, and deserts. Tufts of fur on the tips of their ears, and short bobbed tails, help distinguish bobcats from other felines. Bobcats are mostly nocturnal and live in solitude, finding dens in caves or rocks. In the wild, bobcats can live more than 12 years.

Nationally-known illustrator Nancy Stahl worked with art director Carl T. Herrman on this highly stylized design.



Shown at their actual size, the stamps were sold in coils of 1000 or 3000.



"2012" inscribed on bottom right side; pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) on original wax paper backing



"2013" inscribed on top left; water-activated (gummed)



"2015" inscribed on top right; pressure-sensitive on original wax paper backing

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