



Canada lynx
(Lynx canadensis)

With large, snowshoe-like feet, the lynx can run easily atop deep snow in pursuit of its equally well-adapted prey, the snowshoe hare. The lynx population varies from year to year in Minnesota, most likely due to migrations in response to the fluctuating snowshoe hare population.

To distinguish the lynx from its close relative, the bobcat, note that the lynx is taller and has a more uniformly grayish coat, while the bobcat has more pronounced dark spots. The lynx's back legs appear notably longer than its front legs, and its single black spot on the tip of its tail differs from the several dark bands on the tail of a bobcat.