

# **2002-2003 Bobcat Harvest Report**

## *Derived From Mandatory Check Data*

The 2002/03 bobcat season ran from 12/01/2002 through 2/28/2003. Bobcats must be tagged by Colorado Division of Wildlife within 30 days of an individual having them in their possession (via hunting, trapping, roadkill, etc).

Bobcats are tagged throughout the period 3/1 to 12/1 of the year if they are brought in as roadkills or as a result of other means of death. The numbers reported here are derived largely from mandatory check data for the actual bobcat season. There are a very few cats that were tagged during the rest of the year and they are included here.

Division personnel tagged a total of 622 bobcats. Of these, 543 were adults, 51 were juveniles, and 28 were of unknown age. The majority of bobcats harvested were males (356). In addition, 250 females and 16 bobcats of unknown sex were harvested. Of the 356 males tagged, 327 were adult, 18 juvenile, and 11 of unknown age. Of the females tagged, 207 were adult, 31 juvenile, and 12 of unknown age. Of the 9 bobcats reported as "age unknown", 9 were adult, 2 juvenile, and 5 of unknown age.

The following is a breakdown of the harvest by method of take for the 2002/03 season:

Total Take 2002-03	
Method	Number
Hunting	464
Trapping	116
Road kill	21
Misc.	7
Unknown	14

Bobcats were harvested in 41 counties. Harvest was highest in Rio Blanco County with Mesa and Garfield counties also reporting significant take. The CDOW has reported this season's harvest information to the Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Management Authority in compliance with CITES regulations.

Sex and Age of Harvest 2002-03				
	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown age	Total
Male	327	18	11	356
Female	207	31	12	250
Sex Unknown	9	2	5	16

## Method of Take by County for 2002:

County	Hunting	Trapping	Road kill	Misc.	Unknown	TOTAL
Unknown	6	0	0	2	0	8
Alamosa	1	0	0	0	0	1
Archuleta	7	17	0	0	1	25
Baca	6	0	0	0	0	6
Bent	5	0	0	0	0	5
Boulder	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chaffee	3	1	0	0	0	4
Conejos	5	2	0	0	0	7
Costilla	9	0	1	0	0	10
Crowley	1	0	0	0	0	1
Custer	2	0	0	0	1	3
Delta	9	3	1	1	0	14
Dolores	3	0	0	0	0	3
Eagle	7	2	0	0	1	10
El Paso	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fremont	14	10	0	0	0	24
Garfield	45	2	2	0	0	49
Gilpin	5	0	0	0	0	5
Grand	10	7	1	0	0	18
Gunnison	8	0	2	0	0	10
Hinsdale	3	1	0	0	0	4
Huerfano	11	0	0	0	0	11
Jackson	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jefferson	5	0	0	0	0	5
La Plata	1	0	1	0	8	10
Larimer	21	0	0	0	0	21
Las Animas	43	0	0	1	0	44
Mesa	43	14	4	3	0	64
Mineral	4	7	0	0	0	11
Moffat	34	3	0	0	0	37
Montezuma	3	0	1	0	0	4
Montrose	31	1	1	0	0	33
Otero	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ouray	0	0	1	0	0	1
Park	10	1	0	0	0	11
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	1
Prowers	0	9	0	0	0	9
Pueblo	8	6	1	0	1	16
Rio Blanco	56	15	3	0	0	74
Rio Grande	13	10	1	0	1	25
Routt	9	0	0	0	1	10
Saguache	7	0	0	0	0	7
San Miguel	8	0	0	0	0	8
Teller	1	5	0	0	0	6

<b>Statewide Method of Take</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Road kill</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1997</b>	***	***	***	***	***	***
<b>1998</b>	152	57	20	3	9	241
<b>1999</b>	213	15	25	8	12	273
<b>2000</b>	287	36	38	21	6	388
<b>2001</b>	356	52	33	3	15	459
<b>2002</b>	464	116	21	7	14	622

\*\*\*No method of take information available