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[EXTERNAL] FW: lynx sightings?

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Mon, Mar 25, 2019 at 1:28 PM

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See email below from a biologist in Indiana – scroll down to see the photos. Very interesting.

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From: Bump, Adam (DNR) <BUMPA@michigan.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:39 AM**To:** Albers, Geriann <GAlbers@dnr.IN.gov>**Cc:** Kennedy, Daniel (DNR) <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov>**Subject:** RE: lynx sightings?

Thanks for the heads up Geriann. As far as I know we haven't had any lynx sightings here this year.

From: Albers, Geriann <GAlbers@dnr.IN.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, January 9, 2019 2:45 PM**To:** Bump, Adam (DNR) <BUMPA@michigan.gov>; stan.mctaggart@illinois.gov; Rossler, Shawn T - DNR <Shawn.Rossler@wisconsin.gov>; Roberts, Nathan M - DNR <NathanM.Roberts@wisconsin.gov>; Catherine.Dennison@dnr.state.oh.us; Erb, John D (DNR) <john.erb@state.mn.us>; mlovallo@pa.gov**Cc:** Curtis.Twellmann@wisconsin.gov; Westrich, Bradford J <BWestrich@dnr.IN.gov>**Subject:** lynx sightings?

Hey neighbors,

At the end of December we were sent the below photos of what appears to be a lynx. Our biologist did a site visit and this location is in fact in Lake County, Indiana. That county is in the far northwest corner of Indiana (think south of Gary), directly adjacent to Illinois.

This seems unlikely to have walked here, and we have no one with a permit to possess a lynx in the state. So if it was captive, it was illegally held captive (we had a permitted captive serval that escaped and was running around for a while, so I now feel the need to point out when weird stuff is legal and not).

Have any of you had lynx reports this year? Just curious if there is any indication whatsoever of this fella or lady walking from say, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, to get here or if we can lean pretty heavily on it probably being a captive escapee.

Adam and Stan you could both have this one wander into your state where it was, so heads up on that as well. We've had no other reports besides this and the photos were from early December.

Thanks.

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