# Cat, Mountain

# REWARD: **4** Points **RECOGNIZE** 73%



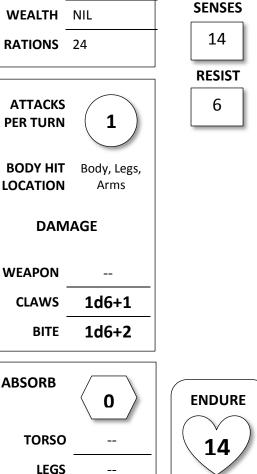
The Mountain lion is a slender and agile large cat. They are excellent at ambushing prey and often attack creatures far larger then themselves. The creatures are excellent climbers and can leap up to 15 feet while carrying prey. Mountain lions do not "roar" like other large cats, but they do make pitched "screams". It's a well-known noise and distinctively different from any other large cats.

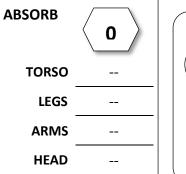
HEIGHT: approx. 2-3' (at the shoulder) LENGTH: average 7', up to 8' WEIGHT: up to 250 lbs. TONE: yellowish-brown, grey or reddish with darker patches

RUSH x1 (CR: 11)

**GROUP:** 1 **ABILITIES:** AMBUSH x2 (CR: 10) TARGET (CR: 8)

SIZE	MEDIUM	A
INVESTED	NEUTRAL	
CLASS	ANIMAL	
ORDER	PREDATOR	
HABITAT	HILLS	А
ACTIVITY	DAY	
ATTITUDE	TERRITORIAL	
INTELLECT	SIMPLE	
LANGUAGE	NIL	
WEALTH	NIL	S
RATIONS	24	







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ATTACK

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LEGEND

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ACTION 15

MOVE 12

## SOCIETY

Mountain Lions are incredibly private and stay very well hidden from other creatures. They often live near settlements without their presence even being known. Mountain Lions are solitary animals. Only when mating or rearing its young will it be found in the presence of other lions. Unlike other creatures, they do not succumb to their curiosity when a strange sound, scent, or object is encountered. Mountain lions can adapt to a wide range of environments, most rugged, and among those are forests, deserts, hills, and swamp areas. The mountain lion often chooses very small caves but does not require one, to raise a litter. The average litter size is two to four and will remain with the mother for 15 to 22 months learning the skills necessary for survival.

### PREY

They're an excellent ambush predator that pursues a wide variety of prey. Mountain lions prefer large prey, elk, and sheep, with deer being the favorite. However, they will happily hunt smaller wildlife species such as rabbits, turkeys, and raccoons. Mountain Lions have large paws, each with five retractable claws. Their powerful legs and neck muscles make them ideal for leaping, short-sprints, and grasping onto prey. It's also an excellent climber, but a very poor swimmer.

### MARKET

Many different items can be harvested from a Mountain Lion. Their **hide** can be worth up to 2 silver coins at a market. Their **teeth** or **claws** can be worth up to 5 copper coins. **Fresh Rations** can be harvested from an average Mountain Lion, the meat can be sold at the market for up to 5 copper coins each!

Young mountain lions can be captured and "trained" for use as companions, pets, and for entertainment. A **mountain lion cub** can fetch 6 silver coins at a market.

## COMBAT

The lion prefers to attack from the rear and a high perch. It will leap onto its prey, latching on with its paws, and attempting to bite the neck to end the encounter quickly **CR: Target (8)**. Mountain Lions will not fight "to the death" they will Retreat from combat if their Endure points fall below **50%**. After Retreating, and if the lion is hungry, it will circle ahead and set a new ambush on the same target. Otherwise, it will return to its den to mind its wounds and will not attack again.

#### SIZE

