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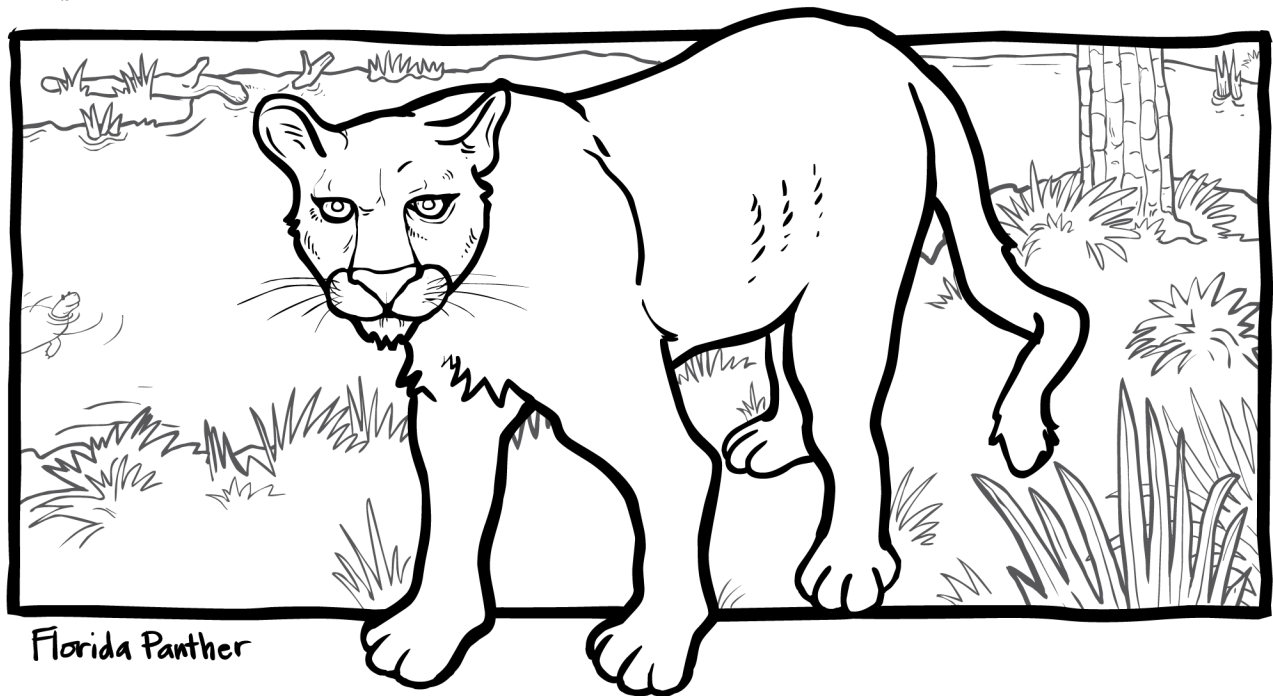
- A large cat, weighing as much as 160 pounds
- Solid tawny-colored body with a white mouth, pink nose and black-tipped tail
- Young have spots, which fade within the first six months

Native Niches

- Formerly found throughout Florida and seven other states
- Highly adaptable to any land habitat, but now limited to the forests and swamps of South Florida
- Fewer than 170 panthers remain in the wild

Favorite Foods

- Usually eats deer and feral hogs, however will eat smaller prey



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Critter Characteristics

- Capable of killing prey larger than itself
- Designated Florida's state animal
- More closely related to a housecat than a lion
- A subspecies of the puma, also known as painter, catamount, mountain lion and cougar

Population Protection

- Overhunting and habitat loss led to the panthers' listing as an endangered species
- Protect wild spaces to keep panthers around for future generations
- Collisions with vehicles cause the most panther deaths, observe panther crossing signs and posted speed limits