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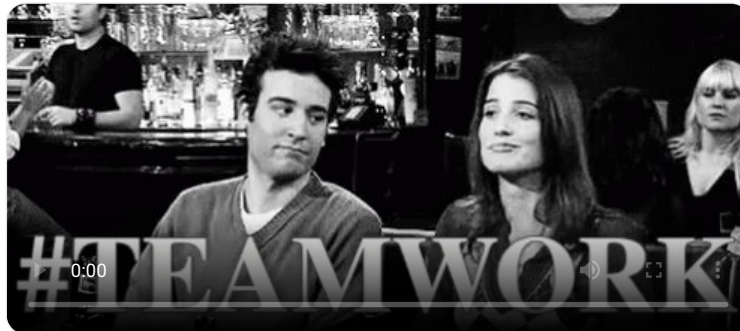
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LAST BATTLE OF THE NIGHT! #3 seed Berlin Boar (*Sus scrofa*) vs #6 seed Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) [#2018MMM](#)



Tonight's battle is a collaboration w/ [@je_light](#) [@chumblebiome](#) [@AnneWHilborn](#) & me! [#2018MMM](#)

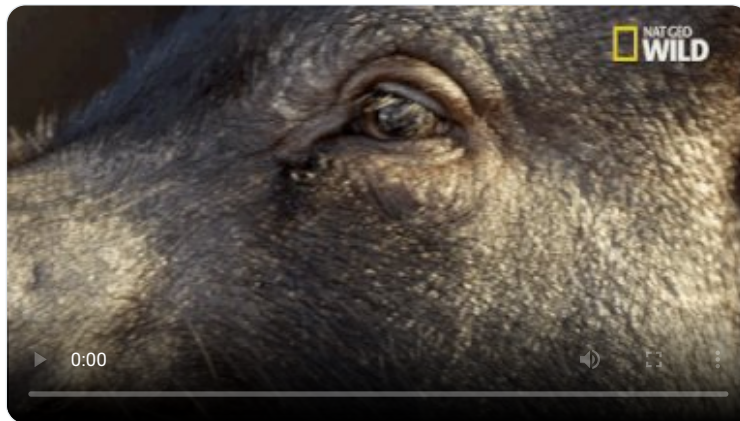


Both of these urban competitors had an easy time of things in R1: Berlin Boar scared off an Eastern Grey Squirrel & Bobcat outwaited a Striped Skunk to advance [#2018MMM](#)

Wild pigs are "ecosystem engineers" bc they can completely changing the way their ecosystem functions. All thanks to their schnoz: "rooting disturbance could be comparable to tillage treatment in agroecosystems". [#PlowDownToChowDown](#) [#2018MMM](#)



Wild boar are now present on all continents except Antarctica and can greatly affect community structure and ecosystem function. Their destructive feeding
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10530-012-0229-6>



Although wild pigs & bobcats are adapted for diurnal activity, in urban and suburban landscapes both species shift activity to nighttime to avoid humans (& their dogs)

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Although not their primary prey, bobcat can bring down deer, launching to deliver a kill bite to the neck or throat of the MUCH bigger mammal

[http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1674/0003-0031\(1998\)139%5B0275:BOBPOW%5D2.o.CO%3B2](http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1674/0003-0031(1998)139%5B0275:BOBPOW%5D2.o.CO%3B2) #2018MMM



Our male Bobcat is large, ~12kg (60 stoats), but our female Berlin Boar is even bigger, ~100kg (454 stoats) [#StoatsAsMeasurement](#). [#2018MMM](#)

It's springtime in Berlin & you know that that means? It's piglet time! Our female Berlin Sus scrofa recently produced a litter of 5 piglets [#2018MMM](#)



In Berlin, A Boar Of A Story

More than just Germany's capital, Berlin is home to an estimated 3,000 wild boar. They have been tearing up green spaces, and recently a 265-pound boar attacked four people. The streetwise swine like...

<https://www.npr.org/2012/11/06/164435055/in-berlin-a-boar-of-a-story>



While sows are smaller than their boarish male counterparts, wild pig sows "temperament also becomes increasingly protective & unpredictable" when they have piglets to protect. #2018MMM <https://academic.oup.com/jas/article/58/2/482/4665524>

Bobcats are known to prey upon wild pigs (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/1381009.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3A41ee61f7bb140f1496d7c2815cbecc6f>), & the bobcat cousin Iberian Lynx has a proclivity for piglets (<http://www.raco.cat/index.php/Mzoologica/article/viewFile/90418/145337>) #2018MMM



Tonight the cloud cover has warmed things a bit above freezing, but the piglets are snuggled together to keep warm. The sow is foraging about & walks further and further away... #2018MMM

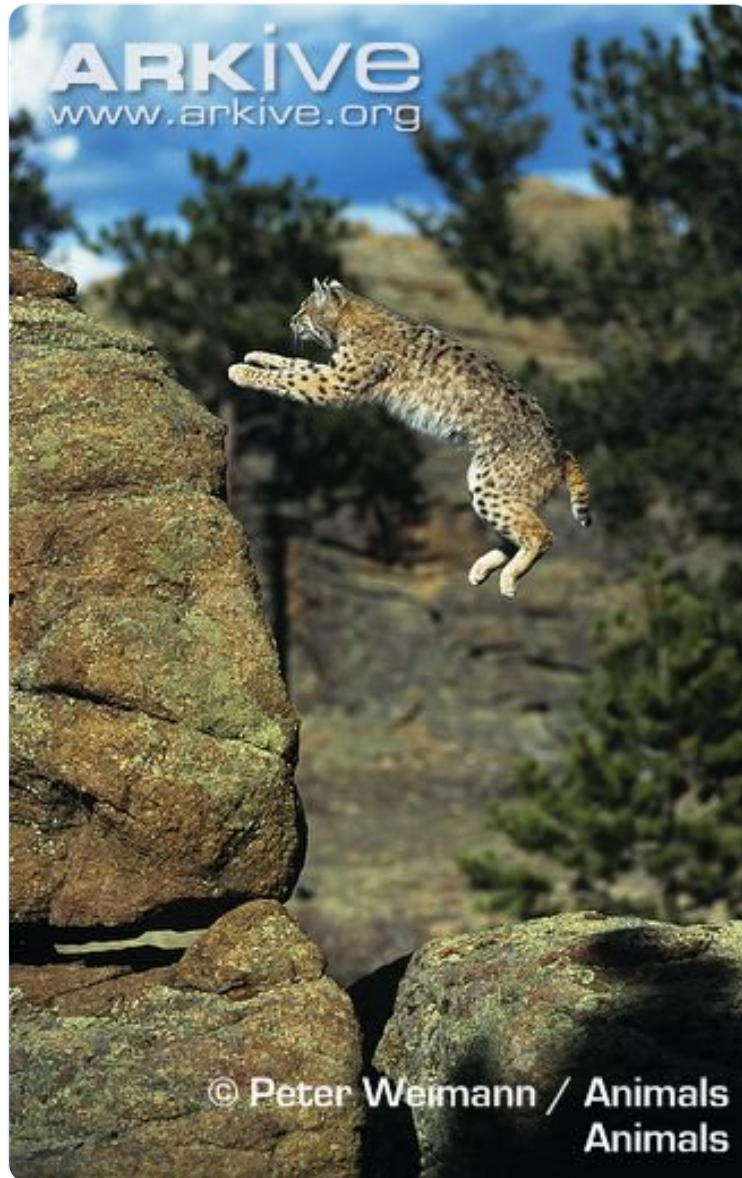


Bobcat is concealed behind the bushes & begins his stealthy approach

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As a felid, the bobcat's "soft paw pads ensure a silent, firm grip during the stalking & final approach to prey" (Kitchener et al. 2010) [#2018MMM](#)

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/academia.edu.documents/31408119/Wild_felid_biology_and_conservation.pdf?](https://s3.amazonaws.com/academia.edu.documents/31408119/Wild_felid_biology_and_conservation.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIWOWYYGZ2Y53UL3A&Expires=1521761025&Signature=w%3D&response-content-disposition=inline%3B%20filename%3DWild_felid_biology_and_conservation.pdf#page=104)

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Bobcat pounces into the piglet pile- their squeals of fear obscure the patter of approaching cloven hooves... [#2018MMM](#)

Charging at 25 miles an hour, MOMMA SCROFA plows into bobcat, catching one of his haunches IN HER TEETH! [#2018MMM](#)



"Boars tend to slash & stab with their lower tusks, while sows tend to bite, in their use of these teeth as weapons" [#Carnage #2018MMM](#)

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/63589/feral-hog-tusk-characteristics>

Oh lookee here... a pic of a bobcat femur in the jaws of a *Sus scrofa* that we just happened to have laying around that was taken this morning by [@je_light](#) [#2018MMM](#)



Bobcat howls in pain & fury, slashing with his claws down the sow's face!! [#Carnage](#) [#2018MMM](#)



"The ever-sharp claws" deploy like "switchblades" lacerating one of the sow's eyes!
(Kitchener et al. 2010) [#Carnage #2018MMM](#)

The sow loosens her grip on the felid
& with the powerful neck muscles she more typically uses to up-turn 100lb rocks,
FLINGS THE BOBCAT AWAY [#2018MMM](#)

INTO A GRAFFITIED CEMENT WALL! [#Carnage #2018MMM](#)

Bobcat tries to stand
but his back legs collapse.
He crumples to the ground.
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BERLIN BOAR CLOBBERS BOBCAT!!! [#2018MMM](#)



A wild boar in the Tegel district of Berlin. Photo: DPA.

AND never say that [#2018MMM](#) doesn't take requests.

BOBCAT DEMANDED #CARNAGE

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Look, I like scent marking as much as the next Urban dweller, but it's not [#Carnage](#). [#2018MMM](#)

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Satisfied with his victory, the fox scent marks the eggshells and continues his scavenging. [#2018MMM](#)
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Jessica Light @je_light
This video is pretty much a re-enactment of the battle, although the tarantula here is the same as one imaged earlier in the battle (Brazilian Salmon Pink). Remember, the Salmon Pink Tarantula is SMALLER than the Goliath Tarantula [youtube.com/watch?time_con...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_con...) [#2018MMM](#)
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