

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE

When reporting an ocelot sighting, please be ready to provide the following important information:

- › Your name
- › A contact phone number (where you can be reached)
- › Location of sighting
- › Date and time
- › Type of sighting (alive or dead)
- › Identifying marks that confirm it was an Ocelot and not a Bobcat
- › Directions on how to get to the location (if possible, include GPS coordinates)
- › A detailed description of the area
- › Photographs (if possible)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ocelot

IF YOU FIND A DEAD OCELOT

If possible, please remain with the carcass until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff arrive. If you are unable to remain with the carcass, please move it so it is not visible to passersby and can be retrieved by USFWS.

Be sure and let the USFWS know the exact location where the remains can be found.



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What to Do if
You See an
OCELOT
(Alive or Dead)



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IF YOU SEE AN OCELOT (DEAD OR ALIVE)

Immediately contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at any of the following phone numbers:

Santa Ana National
Wildlife Refuge-Dispatch
956-784-7520 or **7608**

Laguna Atascosa
National Wildlife Refuge
Visitor Center
956-748-3607

Santa Ana and
Lower Rio Grande Valley
National Wildlife Refuge
956-784-7500

After Hours
956-279-4978

Please also contact:

Texas Department of Transportation
Pharr District Environmental Section
956-702-6130
956-702-6243

OCELOT CHARACTERISTICS

- › Small cat-like animal with distinct spots
- › Long, ringed tail that is nearly one-third the length of its body
- › Slightly rounded ears
- › Prefer dense brush, where it hunts for birds, snakes and rodents
- › **Endangered:** ocelots used to be found from South Texas up into Arkansas and Louisiana. Today, there are fewer than 50 ocelots left in the U.S. and all are found in the lower Rio Grande Valley

Ocelot DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Typical **coat pattern** of an ocelot



Rounded ears of an ocelot



Long ringed tail of an ocelot



BOBCAT CHARACTERISTICS

- › Light brown to gray coat. Might have spots on coat but they are more subtle.
- › Short tail
- › Tufted ears. More pointed than ocelot with a tuft of hair
- › Larger than an ocelot
- › Common throughout the U.S.
- › Found in various habitat types, including forest, coastal, wetlands, as well as near urban areas.

Bobcat DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Typical **coat pattern** of a bobcat



Pointed, tufted ears of a bobcat



Short, bobbed tail of a bobcat

