



Advocacy Kit

Colorado Fur Auction | January 2025

Summary

- The Colorado Fur Auction is an event held annually by the Colorado Trappers and Predator Hunters Association and sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- The 2025 Fur Auction is February 5-6 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Hugo, Colorado.
- At the auction the fur of native Colorado wild animals classified as “furbearers” by Colorado Parks and Wildlife is sold to the highest bidders.
- All “furbearer” species can be killed in unlimited numbers, or without “bag limit,” by hunters and trappers in Colorado every year.

Furbearer Species

**Not pictured: muskrat*



Ring-tailed Cat



Mink



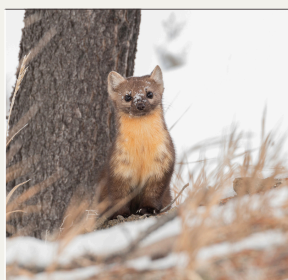
Badger



Fox



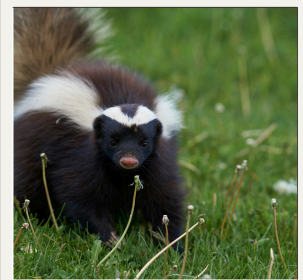
Bobcat



Pine Marten



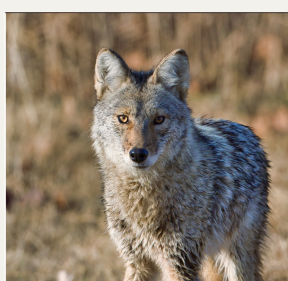
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Skunk



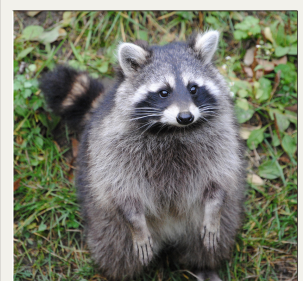
Beaver



Coyote



Weasel



Raccoon

Three Ways to Advocate for Wildlife “Furbearers”

1.

Email the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission at dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Respectfully let the Commission know your stance on “furbearer” trapping.

Here are some talking points:

- Unlimited trapping of all “furbearers,” including rare species like ringtailed-cats and pine martens, is not science-backed wildlife management.
- Trapping is inhumane and animals can wait in traps for days before a trapper arrives to kill them.
- CPW should not sponsor any event that commercializes wildlife and should withdraw their sponsorship.
- CPW should consider regulatory improvements to ensure sustainability of populations for years to come.

2.

Share on social media and tag CPW

- Share the link to the [Furbearer Auction](#) on social media with a sentence or two about “furbearer” hunting and trapping and why CPW should no longer sponsor the event and should consider improvements to their “furbearer” management.

3.

Write a Letter to the Editor

- What aspect of the fur auction upsets you the most? Write your local paper an LTE that can be used to raise awareness in your community.



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