**“Pretty Kitty”**

 Early one morning we watched a couple young bucks sparing for over 30 minutes, laughing at their playful antics. When surprisingly out of the bushes walked this very elusive and mysterious animal - a lynx! It obviously had been sleeping there the whole time as it slowly meandered outward stopping to yawn and pausing long enough for us to capture this photo, our 1st lynx seen in the wild. Native lore often refers to this animal as the “Keeper of Secrets” symbolizing the unraveling of hidden truths, with an ability to hear what you think. If this is true, then this lynx must have known how humbled we felt to be in its presence of such a solitary creature. Moments like this last a lifetime!

 - Stan Masters