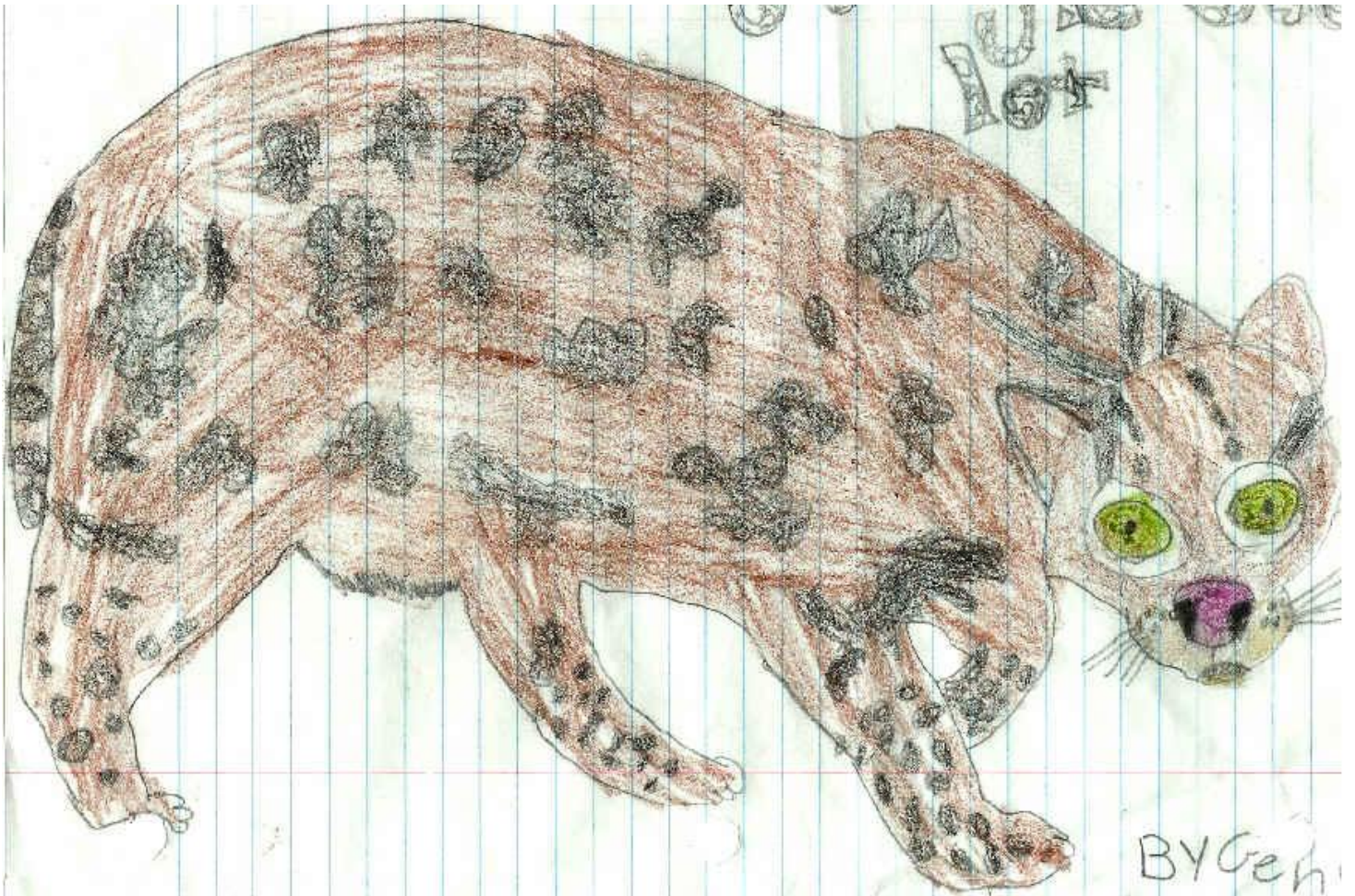


Ocelot

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Ocelots are excellent climbers and can scale a tree in no time at all. Sometimes they even sleep up on the branches. Ocelots usually stalk their prey at night. But if the hunting is good, they will come out during the day to make the best of it. Ocelots are very rare. If you want to see one in the wild, you will have to go in the rainforest of South America. Spots help ocelots disguise, or camouflage, cats. But no one knows why they have different spots. To warn other cats to keep out of its territory, a cat sprays the boundaries with urine. It will also rub its hind feet against trees and bushes, marking them with scent from special glands. Ocelot fur makes expensive coats, so ocelots have been hunted almost to extinction.