

Have you seen an ABC?



ABC stands for Alien Big Cat. Despite the name, it has got nothing to do with aliens from space. In this case, the word 'alien' means an animal that is found living in the wild, far away from its natural home. ABCs are pumas and leopards that might be roaming the British countryside.

Big cats in Britain

Big cats have been spotted roaming all over Britain. Many sightings can be explained as:

- hoaxes (practical jokes)
- mistaken identity (not cats at all)
- feral cats (escaped domestic cats living wild).



Big cats versus tame cats

	Puma	Leopard	Domestic cat
			
Height	70 centimetres	90 centimetres	23 centimetres
Length	1 to 2 metres	1 to 2 metres	50 to 70 centimetres
Weight	30 to 70 kilograms	30 to 70 kilograms	4 to 7 kilograms
Natural home	North America, South America	Africa, Asia	Worldwide