

# The PalicoCoons

## Ultimate Maine Coon Color Guide



| FEATURE              | SOLID                                      | SMOKE   | TABBY   | SILVER TABBY   | SHADED  | SHELL   |
|----------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| BASE COAT            | Solid Color                                | Solid Color   | Agouti with a visible pattern   | Agouti with a visible patter & silver undercoat            | Agouti with Inhibitor Gene  | Agouti with Inhibitor Gene                                      |
| TIPPING              | None                                       | Tipping is more significant, covering about 1/2 of the hair shaft | Varies depending on the type of tabby                                 | Moderate, about half of the hair shaft                     | Tipping on about 1/4 of the hair shaft                            | Tipping is a minimal wisp of color, about 1/8 of the hair shaft |
| OVERALL APPEARANCE   | Uniform color                              | Subtle, almost translucent quality                                | Distinct pattern of stripes, swirls, or spots                         | Distinct tabby pattern with a shimmering silver background | Distinct two-tone effect with visible tabby pattern underneath    | Subtle sheen or two-tone effect                                 |
| NOSE LEATHER         | Matches Coat Color                         | Matches base coat color   | Brick red, old rose, or pink (depending on tabby color)               | Brick Red  | Brick red, old rose, or pink (depending on tabby color)           | Matches base coat color   |
| PAW PADS             | Matches coat color                         | Matches base coat color   | Matches tabby color   | Black  | Matches tabby color   | Matches base coat color   |
| EYE LINER            | Matches coat color                         | Matches base coat color   | Black, blue, or pink (depending on tabby color)                       | Black  | Black, blue, or pink (depending on tabby color)                   | Matches base coat color   |
| HEAD/FACIAL FEATURES | Consistent color with body                 | Often lighter around the eyes and muzzle                          | Distinct markings, including an "M" on the forehead and cheek stripes | Distinct tabby markings on a silver background             | Similar to tabby, but markings may be less defined due to tipping | Similar to smoke, may have a "halo" effect                      |
| TAIL                 | Consistent color with body                 | Full, plume-like appearance, tipping less noticeable              | Distinct rings or stripes   | Distinct rings or stripes on a silver background           | More distinct two-tone effect, tabby pattern visible              | Subtle sheen, slight two-tone effect                            |
| MARKINGS             | None                                       | Subtle ghost markings (occasional)                                | Well-defined stripes, swirls, or spots                                | Well-defined tabby markings                                | Less defined tabby markings due to tipping                        | Subtle ghost markings (occasional)                              |
| "WEDGE" ON FACE      | Not applicable                             | Subtle, lighter wedge   | Defined, darker wedge   | Defined, darker wedge                                      | Defined, darker wedge   | Subtle, lighter wedge   |
| EARS                 | Very faint or invisible wedge              | Same color as body, minimal tipping                               | Tabby pattern more distinct   | Tabby pattern more distinct                                | Tabby pattern more distinct                                       | Same color as body, minimal tipping                             |
| GENETIC INFORMATION  | Non-agouti (a)                             | Inhibitor gene (I), non-agouti (a)                                | Agouti gene (A)   | Inhibitor gene (I), Agouti gene (A)                        | Inhibitor gene (I), Agouti gene (A)                               | Inhibitor gene (I), Agouti gene (A)                             |
| RARITY               | Common                                     | Relatively common   | Common  | Common   | Less common   | Less common   |
| EYE COLOR            |  | Green, gold, or green-gold  | Green, gold, copper, or odd-eyed                                      | Green, gold, or odd-eyed                                   | Green, gold, copper, or odd-eyed                                  | Green, gold, or green-gold                                      |
| AGE-RELATED CHANGES  | May fade slightly with age, especially red | Smoke effect may become more pronounced with age                  |   |  | Tipping may become more defined with age                          |   |
| EXAMPLE COLORS       | Black, blue, red, cream, white             | Black smoke, blue smoke, cream smoke                              | Brown tabby, silver tabby, red tabby                                  | Black silver tabby, blue silver tabby                      | Shaded silver, shaded golden                                      | Chinchilla silver, chinchilla golden                            |
| ADDITIONAL NOTES     |  | Can have white markings   | The silver background can vary in intensity                           |  |   |   |