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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Marten

Martes americana

The American Marten is a small, agile mammal native to the forests of North America. Characterized by its slender body, bushy tail, and silky brown fur, this elusive predator is well adapted for life…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Boreal and northern temperate forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 0.5-1.3 kg
Scientific name: Martes americana

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, American Martens can take down prey larger than themselves, such as snowshoe hares.
- American Martens have semi-retractable claws that help them climb trees with ease. Their fur was highly prized by trappers during the fur trade era. …

What I learned

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