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Animal Fact Sheet

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Marbled Polecat

Vormela peregusna

The marbled polecat is a small, vividly patterned mustelid native to the grasslands and arid regions of Eurasia. Its striking fur displays a mix of yellow, brown, and black marbling on the back, with…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Steppe and semi-desert grasslands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 3-8 years
Weight: 0.3–0.7 kg
Scientific name: Vormela peregusna

Did you know?

- The marbled polecat's defensive odor is so strong it can drive away much larger animals, including predators like wolves.
- Marbled polecats have a highly developed sense of smell used for hunting small prey underground. They can perform a rapid 'stotting' dance when agita…

What I learned

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