

# 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 agitated.

### What I learned

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