

Endangered Wild Weasel

Today we are going to talk about American Martens. Guess what? Did you know that this mammal is part of the weasel family? They can also hold their breath up to 15 min and that is what makes them an amazing swimmer. An



average of 1-2 American Martens die a day. American Marten can survive all year long. Guess what! This mammal does not hibernate and it is active all year long! Today I am going to tell you why the American Martens are endangered and how you can help. TIP: Yes, maybe this awesome animal can be cute. But if you ever see one, please don't try to touch it or do anything with it, because it may be cute but they are mean, and aggressive.

The American Marten can weigh up to 4 pounds and 19-25 inches not including their tail. Their tails are long and shiny, eyes are big, and ears are like cats. Their legs and tail can be dark brown or black, heads can be different colors but the most common color is gray. Their claws are sharp and curved. Martens look more like the mammal, fisher and weasel.

American Martens are bigger than weasels. The American Martens are actually part of the weasel family. Isn't that crazy! The American Marten has lots of fur.

FUN FACT: American Martens are way cuter than weasel and fisher.

You may now know about American Martens very well yet but all that is about to change. Now we are going to learn about the true life of an American Marten. Let's get started. First we will start talking about what they eat. During their summers they most commonly like to eat berries, plants, and insects. Their normal foods are mice, chipmunks, and red squirrels. FUN FACT: Did you know that during the winter the American Marten digs tunnels under the snow to hunt for their food? The American Martens natural habitat is the forest.

This is because they like all of the natural stuff, for example: Green areas, green leaves, and high trees. One of the main reasons they like to live in the forest is because of the trees. They make the trees their home. That is why



they are endangered but we will talk about them a little bit later. And when winter comes the American Martens don't mind because they are well adapted to all the seasons! That makes it a great place for them to live. The American Martens are mostly in the trees. But other than that they go hunting for food on the ground otherwise. FUN FACT: Did you know that the American Martens love to swim and they are super good at it!

Definition of logging: logging is where people cut down trees and sometimes kill them, and destroy their homes.

Ok we have covered all of the stuff that you need to know about American Marten. But here is the real deal that you are here reading this essay. American Martens are endangered. You might think how can the American Marten be endangered? Well lots of people don't care if they hunt/kill animals. I know it's very sad. . American Martens are endangered because people have been trapping them and logging them. People are destroying their homes! But now YOU will help save them. We can help the American Marten in so many different ways. But the simplest way is just by posting things on facebook or instagram, or whatever app you have! Here is another way. It is not very simple, it will take time out of your work, but it is the best way. You can volunteer or work for Forest Management Practices. I highly recommend you participate in the Forest Management, because it gives the American Martens so much to thank for. You can even protest. You can come up with your own way to save the American Martens. Because if we do this together, we can save the American Marten kind.



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In conclusion we have talked about the different facts about American Marten, their life, and the food they eat, their habitat and so much more. We have also talked about why the American Martens are endangered and how we can help save them. One of the most important parts that you

learned about was how we can save them. Because if we do things to help, even donate, if the American Martens DO go extinct for real, at least we know we tried to save them. But **WARNING** , this is something to keep in mind because if the American Martens do go extinct remember that the animal cycle is a chain. So that means that the American Martens death can lead to other extinction, which can lead to human death eventually. Just another reminder that if we don't do anything in our power to save the American Martens then this world will never get better it will get worse. And believe me I don't want that to happen. This is an option though. You don't have to but please make a difference.

THANK YOU

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