

## The Big Edge of Extinction for Martens

Imagine you are a cat-sized animal hunting at dawn and night hours to eat. If you guessed it right you were thinking of an American Marten. The American marten is one of the smaller animals, Martens' diet is fish, birds, bugs, and berries. American Martens are very territorial, the only times' Martens are seen with each other is with a female and male. Marten's habitats are hollow trees either standing up or fallen, according to Zoo America.

Adding on I will be showing you how American Marten are special and have many unique features and skills, Marten's have a unique claw shape that gives them advantages to swimming, climbing, and more. I think it's unique that the American Marten lives in so many places and locations that can be found. Marten's are usually found northern forests and Canada. In addition, American Marten looks like a ferret, Squirrel, and weasel, but what they're related to will shock you.



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American Marten claws

To add on, American Marten's Are related to Weasels, Odders, and Wolverines. The Marten's breeding season is summer, and the amount of female Marten for birth is 4-5 kits. Life span is 12-15 years old. Most deaths occur from logging and more. Martens are rarely spotted with other Martens, except they can be spotted female and male together. **According to [Zoo America](#)**. It is common sense to be careful in forests for your safety, but also be cautious of your surroundings, what you do, and how you act.

If we can be more careful in the northern forests and monitor ourselves, this can slow down the chances of the extinction of the American Marten. Imagine if you were a little animal cat-sized knowing that you can be next on the list for extinction. I would not recommend this animal for a pet, Marten's are very territorial. If we can stop or not go logging as much this can help and not let this cute little animal to extinction.

To sum it up, the Marten is on the endangered list because of us humans, well not all of us. We should always be aware of how we act while we are in the woods, it's also to act carefully around our surroundings while going logging.

**Resources:**

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