



# MARTEN

(*Martes foina*)

**LENGTH:** 43 - 59 cm (adult male)  
38 - 47 cm (adult female)

**WEIGHT:** 1,7 - 1,8 kg (male)  
1,1 - 1,3 kg (female)



**WHERE TO SEE THEM:**  
roaming free in the forest

Martens are animals with strictly nocturnal habits. They use cavities or sheltered crevices in ancient ruins, barns, stables, or natural rock cavities as their daytime shelters, from which they emerge at sunset or in the dead of night

They are a species that is generally carnivorous, but they also feed on honey, thanks to their immunity to bee and wasp sting



To catch larger prey such as pheasants and rats, martens demonstrate great patience, lurking for hours in places where these animals are accustomed to pass. At the right moment, the marten makes a leap, lands on the prey, and finishes it off with a bite to the throat



Their life expectancy in the wild can easily approach twenty years



## THEY ARE PART OF THE MUSTELID FAMILY

Carnivores of medium and small size, with thick fur, elongated bodies, low legs, and non-retractable claws. They have highly developed senses, especially hearing and sense of smell, and can run, swim, dig, jump, and climb

