



National Pine Marten Monitoring Programme

Volunteers, citizen scientists and professionals are contributing their pine marten data to the National Pine Marten Monitoring Programme and together we are creating the Marten Map — mapping the recovery of pine martens across Britain. The knowledge gained is helping to prioritise conservation actions, allowing resources to be used where they will be most effective at supporting pine marten recovery.

Woodland Owners and Land Managers

Pine martens require large areas of suitable land and are an ideal ambassador species for landscape-scale restoration. Across our two Strategic Recovery Areas we are working with woodland owners and land managers to help support improvements in habitat quantity, quality and connectivity. Together we are preparing for the return of this native carnivore, helping to safely restore pine martens to their natural place in the woodland ecosystems of Britain.

Get involved with Martens on the Move!

If you live or work in one of our Strategic Recovery Areas and would like to get involved in Martens on the Move, please complete our volunteer enquiry form.

If you have seen a pine marten in England, Wales or Scotland, please let us know.

For further information on pine martens and Martens on the Move, visit www.pinemartens.uk

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Working in Partnership

Vincent Wildlife Trust

For more than 50 years, Vincent Wildlife Trust (VWT) has been at the forefront of wildlife conservation in Britain, Ireland and, increasingly, targeted areas in mainland Europe. Currently, VWT's work is centred on pine martens, other native carnivores and some of the rarer bats.

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Martens on the Move

A new era for pine marten conservation



Pine marten ©David Baird

Martens on the Move

Believed to once have been the second most common carnivore in Britain, the pine marten played a vital role in woodland ecosystems. But, after hundreds of years of persecution, predator control and habitat loss, they are now the second rarest carnivore. In England and Wales, they are currently classed as 'Critically Endangered'.

VWT and partners have successfully translocated pine martens from northern Scotland to areas in Wales and England, and now the Martens on the Move project is taking on the next stage of pine marten conservation.

Our focus is to support the natural recovery of pine martens through community action. This is taking place within two Strategic Recovery Areas where we aim to increase the public's understanding of the species and to improve habitats for pine martens moving into new areas. This will greatly benefit the recovery of this wide-ranging species.

Pine Marten Haven Sites

Martens on the Move has worked with national organisations to create three new 'Havens' in wonderful woodlands. Each Haven site celebrates all things pine marten with new wildlife hides, engaging information boards and life-sized pine marten silhouettes hiding in the forest waiting to be spotted!

Our Pine Marten Havens



Pine marten silhouette



Wentwood Pine Marten Haven



Llangadeg, Llandello and Llandoverly Men's Shed

Pine marten den box

Monitoring Hubs

We have developed seven 'Monitoring Hubs' across the project area, each covering large stretches of landscape. These are Martens on the Move's key focus areas for improving habitats and monitoring for pine marten populations. We are also installing 150 new den boxes (built by volunteers) within these Hubs, alongside 100 pre-existing den boxes, that provide shelter for pine martens to rest, raise their young and overwinter.

We are supporting many organisations, groups and individuals to install and monitor den boxes using trail cameras across 12 counties — bringing together communities working to support pine martens moving into new areas. The data gained will provide information on pine marten numbers and breeding success, feeding into the National Pine Marten Monitoring Programme and visualised in Marten Map.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who are giving their time to the Martens on the Move project. Thank you!