



## DESCRIPTION

Pine martens are a medium sized mustelid. They have a dark brown coat with a distinctive creamy-white/yellow chest. They are a similar size to a small cat.

## TYPICAL HABITATS

Woodland, mountain moorland.

## RANGE

Mostly found in Scotland. Small pockets in Wales and northern England. Escaped or released individuals may occur in other areas.

## FIELD SIGNS

### Footprints

Tracks are very similar to other carnivores, and can easily be confused with polecat and mink as they are also five-toed and of similar size. The width is 3.5cm and the length is 4cm.

### Droppings

Usually deposited singly and often contain hair and bone (carnivorous diet). Variable in size, 40-120mm in length and 12mm thick.

Colour: blackish

Smell: Sweet smelling, like violets when fresh.

