

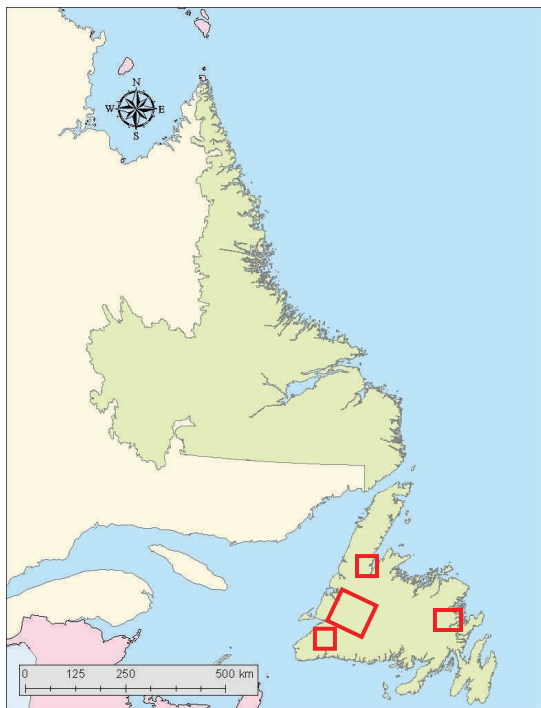
## American Marten

(*Martes americana atrata*)

- Also known as the pine marten, marten cat, and Newfoundland marten.
- It is a member of the weasel family.
- It has a slender body, short limbs, and a long, bushy tail.
- It has soft, dense, yellowish-brown fur with darker fur on its tail and legs and a pale, buff patch on its throat.



### Provincial Distribution



### Habitat/ Range

The Newfoundland population of American marten is a genetically and geographically distinct population of the subspecies *Martes americana atrata*, which is otherwise only found in Labrador. Similar to other North American populations, the American marten of Newfoundland are strongly associated with forested habitats.

### Population Trends

American marten have declined substantially in Newfoundland over the last century; however populations have possibly stabilized in the past 10 years. The current population consists of 286-556 mature marten in five subpopulations.

### Limiting Factors and Threats

In Newfoundland, habitat loss due to forest harvest and incidental mortality related to snaring and trapping limit marten distribution and abundance.

### Special Significance

They are one of 14 native mammal species on the Island of Newfoundland. Once trapped for their fur, marten are found in some of the earliest accounts of the province's natural history.

### You can help protect the American marten:

- Report any sightings to the Wildlife Division.
- Adhere to snaring and trapping regulations (as outlined in the provincial Hunting and Trapping Guide)
- Support habitat protection for all our rare species.

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