

Pine Marten

Encouraging species recovery in Northern England.

KEY NUMBERS QUICKVIEW

2

Rare, verified records in northern England at project start.

22

New den boxes installed across the project region.

74

Local volunteers spent time surveying and monitoring.

60

Records of Pine Martens collected so far.

16

Species talks delivered to community groups.

7

Training workshops held for community groups.



CONSERVATION

What did this project do for species?

- Pine Martens are regarded as Critically Endangered in England, but through this project we have confirmed the presence of a recovering Pine Marten population in northern England.
- We carried out surveys and monitoring to improve our knowledge of Pine Marten distribution and status in Northumberland and Cumbria.
- Over 60 records of Pine Martens, primarily in the form of camera trap videos/images, scats and hair samples, were collected from Northumberland and Cumbria, between 2017 and 2020.
- 22 new den boxes have been installed and monitored, to provide secure sites for Pine Martens to rest and breed in.



COMMUNITY

What did this project do for people?

- Our project officer delivered a total of 16 talks to communities within the project area and naturalist, wildlife and landowner groups.
- We led seven training workshops and one creative workshop with local communities. We also engaged with young families and children through a creative workshop to make your own feeder box.
- We have engaged 74 volunteers who have been involved in surveying and monitoring Pine Martens.
- We saw interest in Pine Martens increase, and uptake of offers and attendance of talks and training workshops was high during the project amongst local communities.

[Read about one of our Pine Marten creative workshops here](#)



COLLABORATION

What has collaboration achieved?

- The project has collaborated with several organisations, including Forestry England, Red Squirrels Northern England, National Trust, Revitalising Redesdale Partnership, Kielder Partnership and Northumberland Wildlife Trust.
- Collaborating with them has been invaluable and will help secure the legacy of the project, as they will carry on some of the work established during the project.



LEGACY

What is the legacy of this project?

- **Through the project timeline, we have moved the species positively along the recovery curve starting from step 1, 'Taxonomy understood', moving through to step 8, 'Species recovering'.**
- **We are developing plans to secure the future of Pine Martens in northern England and further facilitate the species recovery nationally.**
- **Monitoring of camera traps and den boxes will continue after the project, by our volunteers and partner organisations.**