



Marbled Polecat (*Vormela peregusna*)

Size: Body length, 27 - 38 cm; tail, 12 - 22 cm **Weight:** 260 - 520 g **Habitat:** Prefers dry, open spaces, but also lives in bushes and forest edges of semi-arid areas **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Smells like trouble. When the marbled polecat is threatened, it throws its head back, displays its coloring and emits a noxious defensive odor. And if that doesn't have the desired effect, it plays dead. The elusive hunter employs offensive strategies as well, such as approaching and attacking from the side. With the help of these techniques, it can overcome prey larger than itself

during its forays at dusk, dawn and throughout the night. But as its steppe habitat shrinks in Europe and Asia, the polecat may be facing more trouble than it can handle.

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