

We need trees for many reasons.

Reason 1: Oxygen. One tree produces enough oxygen in a year for how many people to breathe?

Reason 2: Clean air. Trees act like giant filters that clean the air. They remove pollution.

Reason 3: Clean soil. Trees absorb and sometimes change dangerous chemicals and pollutants into less harmful forms. They filter pollutants out of the soil.

Reason 4: Trees muffle noise for people who live near highways, industry or in the city.

Reason 5: Trees help prevent run-off of water that then helps prevent flooding as well as preventing waste of water.

Reason 6: Trees lock up carbon monoxide.

Reason 7: Trees shade us and keep us cool.

Reason 8: Trees block the wind and can slow down snow drifts piling over roads. They are windbreaks and help stop moisture loss in the earth.

Reason 9: Trees help prevent soil erosion either by wind or water.

Reason 10: Trees make our homes more valuable and beautiful.

Reason 11: Trees give us lumber, paper, and other products.

Reason 12: Trees provide homes and food for other animals and birds.



This is a Pine Marten. It's a type of WEASEL and is ENDANGERED. They are VERY RARE, but do live in Wisconsin. They are NOCTURNAL. They are good climbers and live in forests that have northern white cedar, balsam fir, spruce and eastern hemlock trees. They eat plants and other small animals like mice and insects, nuts and fruit. They almost became EXTINCT after all the big forests were cut down for lumber.

Write three sentences about Pine Martens.

Write three sentences about why trees are important to us.