Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Resource Brief

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Status of Martens on the Apostle Islands

Historical Reintroductions & Stocking Efforts

1953 - Wisconsin Conservation Department (WCD) released 5 martens on Stockton Island (3 female, 2 male) - stock from Kalispell, Montana

1956 - WCD released 5 marten on Stockton Island (3 female, 2 male) - stock from British Columbia

1964 - WCD set 75 live-traps for martens - none were caught

1969 - Marten observed on ice near Presque Isle Bay (Stockton)

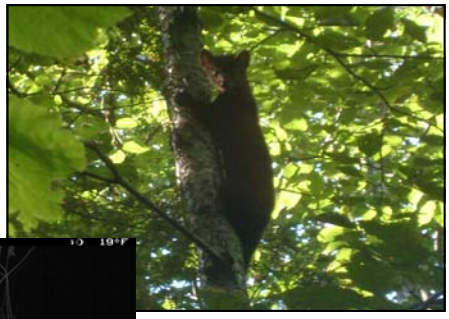
Note: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Established in 1970

1975-1983 - U.S. Forest Service (USFS) released 172 martens into Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest (CNNF)

1987-1990 - USFS released 139 martens into CNNF

2008-2010 - 90 martens were released into CNNF

Stockton Island 2010



Manitou Island 2014

Stockton Island 2014-2015

Recent Documentation

2010 - Marten photo Presque Isle Trail (Stockton) by Seasonal Interpreter Zach Rozmiarek (not ID'd till 2015)

2014 - Marten confirmed on Manitou Island (Visitor photo with subsequent remote camera verification)

2014-2015 - Marten confirmed through remote camera images in multiple locations on Stockton (UW Madison/NPS/Northland Carnivore Research Project)

2015 - Visitor post on Facebook of possible marten photographed on Oak Island; visitor pic and scat collected on Otter

2015 - Scout leader notes in journal of marten observation on Rocky Island. No photo documentation.

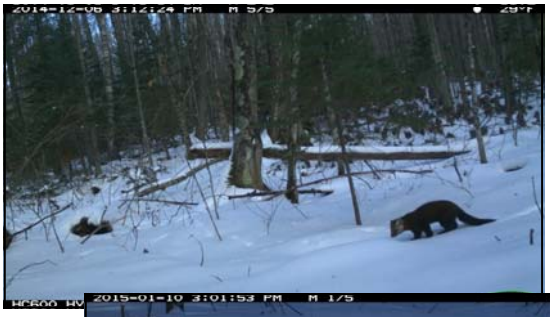
Scat Collection (Northland Professor Erik Olson)

Highly Likely: Manitou, Otter & Rocky Islands

Possible: Oak & Outer Islands

Questionable: Raspberry Island

Stockton Island 2014-2015



Future Research/Monitoring

- Remote cameras will be removed from Stockton for redeployment.
- Remote camera observations fall/winter of 2015/16 on:

  Oak, Hermit, Raspberry, Cat, Ironwood, Otter, Bear, South Twin and Rocky. If enough cameras are available, Manitou Devils and North Twin will be included. Placement of cameras will follow carnivore project protocol. 50% of site will be baited with gusto.
- Scat samples have been sent to Dr. Jon Pauli (UW Madison) for analysis.

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