

Pine marten research at Evenstad!

This project uses data collected from camera and hair traps as well as GPS-collared individuals to examine factors that influence European pine marten abundance and movements in Norwegian boreal forest. We are looking for interns that are interested in learning more about these shy and elusive mustelids. This winter, we plan on capturing and collaring several animals in our study area adjacent the Evenstad campus to examine spatial use. In addition, we will be running a system of camera and hair traps as part of a project as part of a population estimation study. Interns will be involved in checking and maintaining live traps for martens, radiotracking and downloading data from martens GPS collars in the field, as well as checking and maintaining a system of hair and camera traps. Interns on this project will have an opportunity to participate in data collection and processing as well as some lab work. We can accommodate interns that wish to do a bachelor's project as part of their stay at Evenstad.

Interns will gain experience in working in difficult winter field conditions and rugged terrain, and in using camera traps, DNA hair sampling, livetrapping martens and VHF and GPS telemetry. Interns will also gain experience in using skis and snowshoes in snowy winter conditions.

Associate professor Scott Brainerd and Professor Morten Odden are the project leaders, and will supervise interns along with PhD candidate Jennifer Angoh.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Brainerd at scott.brainerd@inn.no.



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