

## Special facts: Keeping stone martens away from houses and cars



Born to be wild

Stone martens very often choose roofs of houses for their nests. Because they are active at night, they make quite a noise when people would like to sleep. They may damage the roof *insulation*, because this material is nice and soft, so they use it for their nests.

But what can be done to prevent stone martens from choosing your house for their nesting place? For one thing, stone martens don't like noise. This is why some people put a small radio in the attic to *drive* the stone martens *out* of the house. But driving them away is not enough. You also have to close all the gaps to make sure that they don't come back.

Stone martens are also known for damaging cars, especially the *rubber tubes* and cables. They usually choose cars which have just been parked and are still a bit warm. But why do stone martens get into *engine compartments*? The answer is very simple. Engine compartments are good places to hide. Stone martens can take a nap there when they are tired or use the engine compartment as a place to hide their food. But what can people do to keep stone martens away from their cars? The easiest thing is to put their car into a garage. If there's no garage available, car manufacturers offer special tubes which stone martens can't bite through.

<i>insulation</i>	Isolations-, Abdichtungsmaterial
<i>drive out</i>	hinaustreiben
<i>rubber tube</i>	Gummischlauch
<i>engine compartment</i>	Motorraum