

THE COMEBACK¹ OF THE RED SQUIRREL IN IRELAND

In Britain and especially² in Ireland, **red squirrels** die **because of** American **grey squirrels**.

Grey squirrels eat the same food as red squirrels, and they have illnesses³ which are dangerous for the red squirrels.

There are also a lot of **pine martens** in Ireland now. They are protected by the **Wildlife Act**.



And in those places where there are a lot of pine martens, grey squirrels disappear⁴. They cannot tolerate this predator⁵, because they **feel scared** when pine martens are near.

But red squirrels know pine martens for centuries⁶. They can **live together** without big problems.

"Pine martens help to stop grey squirrels. Red squirrels are coming back, and that's great," says zoologist⁷ Dr Colin Lawton.

Vocabulary:¹návrat|²hlavně|³nemoc|⁴mizet|⁵dravec|⁶století|⁷zoolog

Language notes: red squirrel=veverka obecná|because of=kvůli|grey squirrel=veverka popelavá|pine marten=kuna lesní|Wildlife Act=zákon o ochranně živočišných druhů|feel scared=být vystrašený|live together=žít spolu

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