

Animal Fact Sheet

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Striped Possum

Dactylopsila trivirgata

The striped possum is a striking, small marsupial known for its bold black-and-white stripes that run along its back and head. Native to the rainforests of New Guinea and northern Queensland, Austral...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Petauridae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-7 years

Weight: 200-400 grams

Scientific name: *Dactylopsila trivirgata*

Did you know?

- The striped possum is sometimes called the 'marsupial woodpecker' because it taps on wood to find hollow chambers, a rare behavior among marsupials.
- The striped possum uses its highly developed sense of smell and hearing to locate insect larvae beneath tree bark. Its fourth finger is exceptionally...

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