

Animal Fact Sheet

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Striped Skunk

Mephitis mephitis

The striped skunk is a medium-sized mammal native to North America, instantly recognizable by its black fur and distinctive white stripes running from the head down the back. Nocturnal and solitary, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Mephitidae

Habitat: Mixed woodlands, grasslands, agricultural areas, and suburban environments

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-4 years in the wild

Weight: 1.8–4.5 kg

Scientific name: *Mephitis mephitis*

Did you know?

- Striped skunks are important natural pest controllers, consuming large quantities of insects and rodents.
- Striped skunks can spray their foul-smelling musk up to 3 meters (10 feet) with impressive accuracy. They often warn potential threats by stamping th...

What I learned
