CREATURE ATLAS

Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



Striped Skunk

Mephitis mephitis

The striped skunk's defence is chemical, and it is a last resort. The spray is a mixture of sulphur-bearing thiols produced in two glands beside the anus, which the animal aims with real accuracy ove…

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.
- A skunk carries only a few sprays and needs over a week to reload — which is why it warns first, with stamping and a raised tail. Its black-and-white…

What I learned

© Creature Atlas · www.creatureatlas.com · Free for classroom & personal use