

Animal Fact Sheet

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Virginia Opossum

Didelphis virginiana

The Virginia opossum is North America's only native marsupial, recognized for its grayish fur, white face, and long, hairless prehensile tail. Adaptable and resourceful, it thrives in a wide range of...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Didelphidae

Habitat: Forests, woodlands, farmlands, urban areas

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-4 years in the wild

Weight: 2-6 kg

Scientific name: *Didelphis virginiana*

Did you know?

- Despite being marsupials, female Virginia opossums can give birth to as many as 25 tiny young at once, but only a few survive to develop fully in the...
- Virginia opossums have opposable thumbs on their hind feet, aiding in climbing. They are immune to most snake venoms, including rattlesnakes and cott...

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