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Water Opossum

Chironectes minimus

The Yapok, also known as the water opossum, is a remarkable semi-aquatic marsupial native to Central and South America. It is the only living marsupial known to have adapted fully to an aquatic lifes...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Didelphidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams in tropical and subtropical forests

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-4 years

Weight: 400–800 grams

Scientific name: *Chironectes minimus*

Did you know?

- The Yapok is the only marsupial in the world with both webbed feet and a waterproof pouch, specially adapted for an aquatic lifestyle.
- Yapoks are the only marsupials with webbed feet for swimming. Both males and females have a pouch, which is unique among marsupials. Their fur is ext...

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