

They even live in Iowa!

Animal of the Month

Opossums

THEY CAN EAT ALMOST ANYTHING!!!!

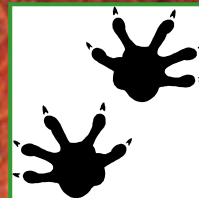


Baby opossum hangin' out!



An opossum family

Females have litters up to twice a year. The father doesn't help raise them. There are usually 5 to 8 in a litter and are ready to leave their mother's pouch and live on their own at 4 months.



Did you know? Man is one of their biggest predators?

DID YOU KNOW?

Opossums help to maintain a clean and healthy environment. They eat all types of insects. They catch and eat rodents like mice and rats. They like over-ripe fruit, berries, and grapes. And they think snails and slugs are yummy.



Have you ever heard of playing opossum? If attacked and unable to fight or run from danger, opossums roll over and pretend to be dead!

They carry their babies on their backs!

