

# LOUISIANA MAMMALS



# STRIPED SKUNK

*(Mephitis mephitis)*



**APPEARANCE:** mostly black with a white stripe that makes a V-shape on the back; about the size of a domestic cat; adults weigh 4-10 pounds

**HABITAT:** woodlands, forests and grassy plains

**FOOD:** opportunistic feeders; primarily insects, but also small mammals, eggs, fruits, nuts

**Skunks can spray their scent up to 10 feet.**

**RANGE:** throughout Louisiana, except extreme southeast parishes, and across most of North America

