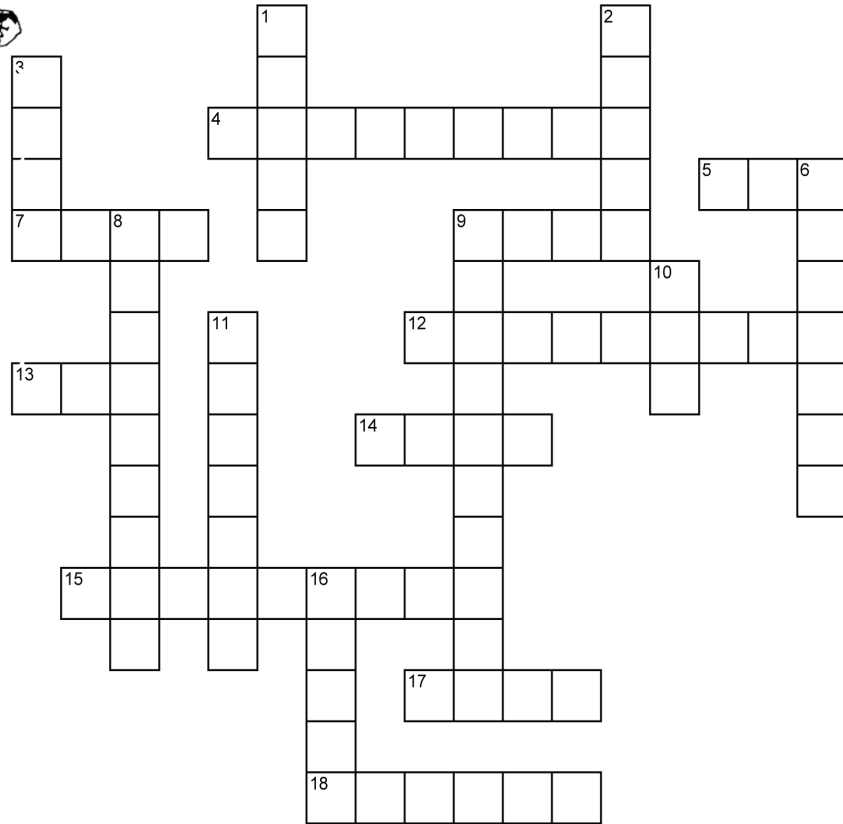


Opossums



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- 4 In winter, opossums have to stay warm to avoid getting this on their fur-less tail, ears and toes
- 5 Opossums only live ___ years in the wild, making them the mammal with the shortest lifespans for their size
- 7 Opossums live in these
- 9 They briefly hang upside down from a tree using this
- 12 Opossums have been around for 70-80 million years, out-surviving this large group of animals
- 13 Their tails look similar to the tail of this other animal
- 14 Color of its nose
- 15 Having a pouch makes it this type of mammal
- 17 Color of their fur
- 18 Official name for the thumb-like appendage on their hind legs used to grasp branches more easily

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- 1 Number of litters that a female opossum may have per year
- 2 Opossums may not see well but this sense is highly developed which helps them find food
- 3 When threatened, opossums will growl, drool, and urinate but they are most well known for playing ___
- 6 The only native marsupial in North America
- 8 Opossums are primarily out at night, therefore they are ___
- 9 Shape of an opossum's head
- 10 Domestic animal similar in size
- 11 Opossums are the ___ surviving mammalian species in the world
- 16 Where the female keeps its young as they grow

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Solution:



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Habitat Herald, Vol XI, Issue 3, Featured Friend: Virginia Opossum