

## Skunks

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What is that stinky smell outside? Sometimes it is a skunk. A skunk is a small wild animal. It is black with two white stripes down its back and a long tail. Skunks live all over the United States in forests, farms, and towns. They sleep during the day and hunt for food at night. They have long claws for digging and finding food. They eat both meat and plants and will raid trashcans and gardens. When a skunk is threatened, it sprays a smelly spray called musk. The musk can travel twelve feet and the smell will last for days. It is very hard to get the musk off when sprayed by a skunk. If you see a skunk, stay away!