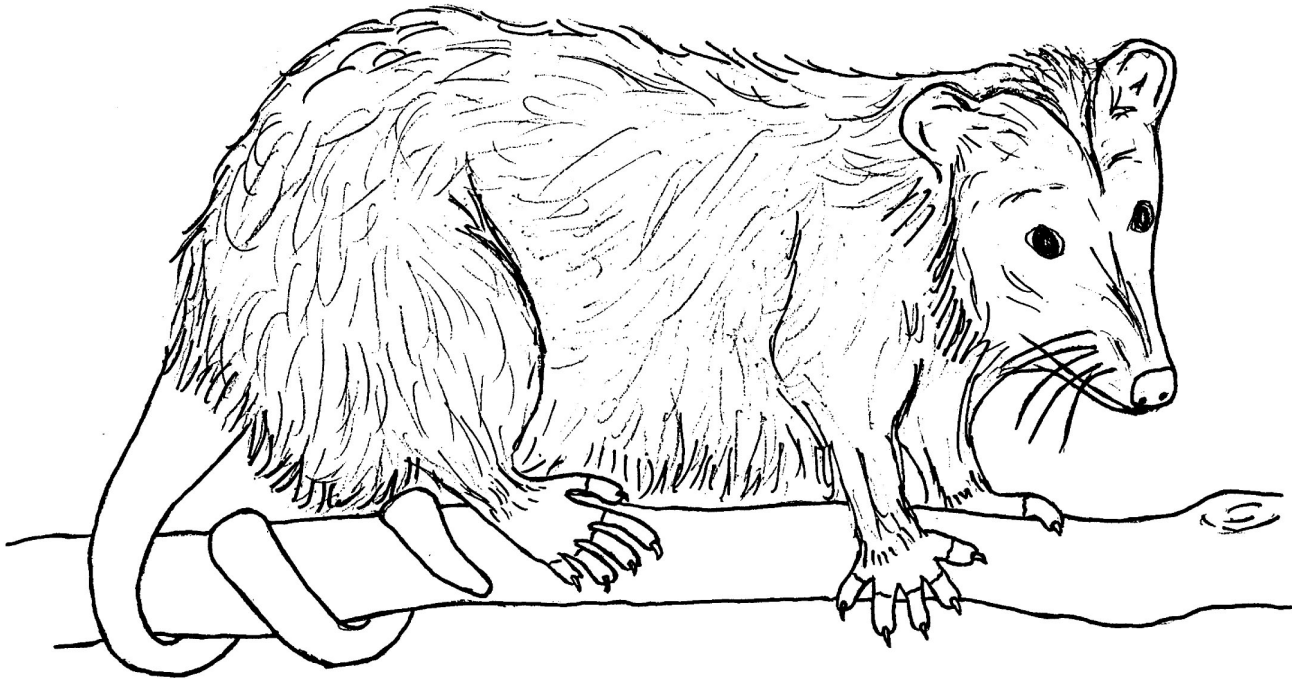


Opossum



Coloring Instructions: Color the opossum's nose and fingers pink. Color its tail light gray. Its face and the tops of its ears should be white. Its fur should be grayish black. The insides of its ears are black.

Interesting Fact: Opossums are marsupials. This means that their babies are born VERY tiny (about the size of a bean). These tiny babies crawl right into their mother's pouch, where they drink milk and grow quickly. After two months, they crawl out of their mother's pouch and ride around on her back. Look at the opossum's back foot. It has a thumb, very much like yours, that helps the opossum grip things. The opossum's tail can also grip things, making this animal an excellent climber.