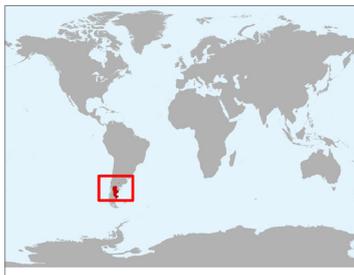




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Species of the Day: Patagonian Opossum

The **Patagonian Opossum**, *Lestodelphys halli*, is listed as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. The sole member of the genus *Lestodelphys*, this opossum occurs farther south in the region than any other living marsupial, and is one of the least-known representatives of this group. It predominantly inhabits the dry and cold environments of Patagonia and the lower Monte Desert, Argentina, where it feeds mostly on mice and arthropods.

Until recently, the species was known from fewer than 10 specimens distributed from approximately 33° to 48° S, but remains recovered from owl pellets have increased the number of localities to more than 90. The main threat to the Patagonian Opossum is habitat loss due to increased desertification of Patagonia.

The Patagonian Opossum is found in a number of protected areas across its range. With so little known about its exact geographic distribution, ecology and natural history, further research is required to determine the exact status of this species.

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