

A Group Defense Incident Involving Juvenile Striped Skunks, *Mephitis mephitis*

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Striped Skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*) occasionally fall prey to various predators. To reduce the risk of predation, Striped Skunks have evolved multiple defensive behaviors and aposematic coloration. Several types of defensive behaviors have been reported for individual Striped Skunks, but never for a group of skunks. We describe a group defense incident in an encounter between four juvenile Striped Skunks and a perceived predator—a man on a motorcycle.

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