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Amazing Species: White-bellied Woolly Mouse Opossum

The **White-bellied Woolly Mouse Opossum**, *Marmosa constantiae*, is listed as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This small, nocturnal and arboreal marsupial is found in moist forests in eastern Bolivia, Brazil (Mato Grosso) and northwestern Argentina (Salta and Jujuy Provinces).

The White-bellied Woolly Mouse Opossum is still relatively widespread, and currently there are not known to be any major threats to the species. However, this species has been locally extinct in the Tucumán Province (Argentina) since 1931 and, since it is dependent on a very fragile habitat (the fog belt in arid regions), climate change or changes in land use could quickly result in the species becoming seriously threatened.

This small marsupial occurs in several protected areas, increasing its chances of survival. However, more research into its biology, ecology and distribution is needed and the potential threats to the species requires better assessment if it is to continue to thrive. A re-evaluation of the conservation status of the White-bellied Woolly Mouse Opossum has been recommended once further investigations have been carried out.

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