

## The Ocelot

Hi I'm an Ocelot. I'm a very rare animal that's why you don't see me a lot because I'm endangered. Did you know that I don't chew meat, instead I tear it because it's better for my health. It helps my teeth. I also have extra teeth in the back of my mouth to tear meat better or chew.

Now do you want to know about my prey, habitat and predators? I am very camouflaged with my unique fur pattern. Rodents probably don't see me because I blend in with my habitat. We are found in the forest in Mexico. My predators are bald eagles, pumas, anacondas and jaguars. My prey are fish, monkeys, frogs, and birds. All these food are healthy for me.

Did you know I've been endangered since 1976? Ocelots are endangered because people taking their habitat and making clothes and coats out of my fur. People look for Ocelots a lot but it's really rare to find us. Did you know that we have been recognized and endangered since 1976 and there are only about 300 of us left in captivity in Mexico and United States.

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