## The Ocelot

Do you love animals? Well I have one for you. An ocelot is an animal that is very sly and it can run very fast. Did you know that it is endangered? Well, I am trying to help by writing this and you can help by spreading the awareness!

Ocelots color can be from creamy or tanny yellow to a reddish grey. Ocelots have short fur with dark spots. There are also two black stripes on the cheeks. It has blue eyes and its spotted coat helps it camouflage into the forest while it hunts for prey. Ocelot are nocturnal so they are active at night. Ocelot weigh about 8 pounds.

They mostly eat small rodents but they sometimes eat birds, snakes, iguanas and other lizards. They also eat baby deer, rabbits, fish,and crabs. They live in coastal mangrove areas. Ocelots predators are mountain lions, jaguars, boa constrictors and condas. Ocelots use their sharp vision and hearing to hunt prey.

Ocelots are endangered. There are fewer than 120 Ocelots in the United States

Ocelot are losing their habitat because of poisoning from people trying to kill rodents.

They are also hunted for fur.

All in all, do not forget about this animal. Please go to Endangered.org for more info if you want to help save this animal spread awareness and I want to ask if you liked this essay?

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