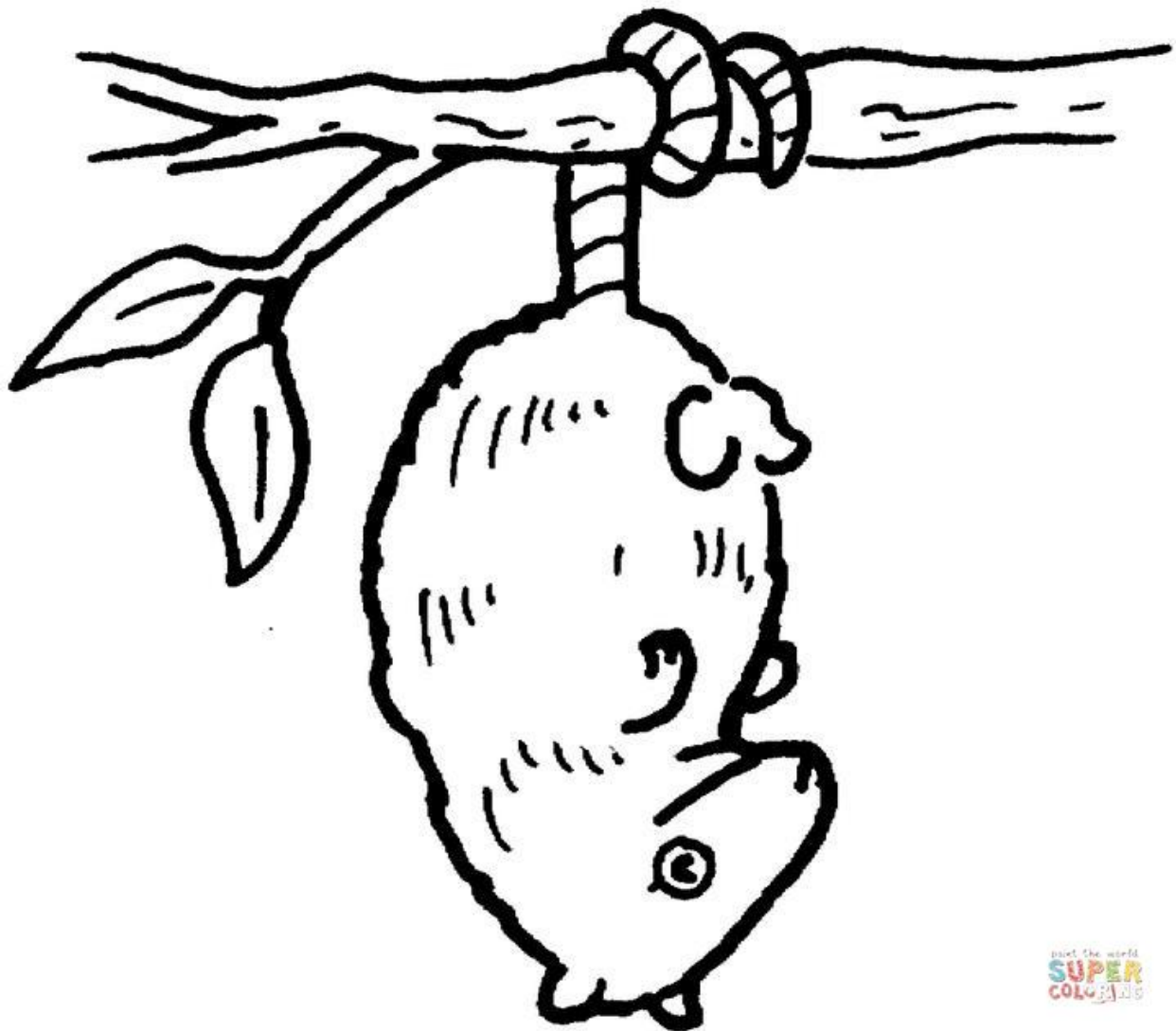


## North Carolina State Marsupial: The Virginia Possum

In 2013, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Virginia Opossum – or Possum – as the Official Marsupial of the State of North Carolina. This shy animal is native to North Carolina and is the only marsupial found in North America. Marsupials carry their young babies in a pouch on their stomach until the babies are old enough to live on the outside. Possums live in lots of habitats, from deep in forests, to farmland, backyards, and even in cities, although they prefer areas with water such as marshes, swamps, and streams.



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