

ence) is a different animal from all those treated of by the above authors, and ought to have had a particular denomination, and not been confounded with the *taiibi* of Marcgrave, which has nothing in common with him ; besides, as the male opossum has no pouch, it is not surprising that they have been taken for different animals, as that the female is called *carigueya*, and the male *taiibi*.

Edward Tyson dissected and described the female opossum with care ; in the individual which served him for subject, the head was six inches, the body thirteen, and the tail twelve in length : the fore legs were six inches, and the hind legs four inches and a half in height : the body was fifteen or sixteen inches in circumference ; the tail three inches round in the beginning, and only one inch towards the extremities ; the head three inches betwixt the two ears, decreasing gradually to the nose ; and was more like that of a pig than a fox ; the sockets of the eyes are much inclined in the direction from the ears to the nose ; the ears are rounded, and about an inch and a half long ; the mouth was two inches and a half wide from one of the corners of the lip to the extremity of the snout ; the tongue narrow, three inches long, and rough ; his fore feet had five toes

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