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#### Appearance

If you look at a raccoon from a distance you might think it's a cat, but actually raccoons are slightly bigger than cats. A bushy tail and a bandit face makes this raccoon look like a robber. It weighs an average of 18 lbs.



#### Habitat and Diet

A raccoon is an omnivore. That means they eat both plants and meat. The main place they live is in North America and Canada.

#### Adaptations

Raccoons can smell very well. Also, they are nocturnal. They are predators. Being able to swim is another one of raccoons many adaptations.

#### Life Cycle

Raccoons mate in late January to early March. Two months after mating season, babies are born. The mother can have four to six babies at a time. About sixteen years later the raccoon dies.



#### Interesting Facts

A raccoon's face helps it camouflage from predators at night. Another name for raccoon is Procyon Lotor.

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