

# R for Raccoon

Raccoons are interesting, curious, intelligent and often troublesome mammals.

They may be found in hollow trees, ground burrows and brush piles.



The raccoon is about the size of a small dog. They have a black mask over their eyes and a heavily furred, ringed tail.

Raccoons give birth to 2-6 kits at one time. A baby raccoon's eyes do not open until about three weeks.

Raccoons are great climbers. You can see them high in the branches of a tree on a moonlit night.

Raccoons prefer wooded areas. They are nocturnal, but sometimes they are active during the day.

Raccoons live between one and three years. They eat almost anything available. Their diet includes animals, fruits, nuts and grass.

Raccoons dip their food in water. They grasp and rub it in a way that makes them look like they are "washing" their food.

I'm a little raccoon,  
Prowling around.  
I hunt for food  
Without a sound.

A mask on my face  
And a bushy tail,  
Let's see if you can  
Spot my trail!

