R for RACCOON

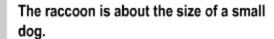
Raccoons are curious,
intelligent and often
troublesome mammals.
They may be found in hollow
trees, ground burrows and
brush piles.



Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

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!



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.