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COMMON NAME – Common Raccoon

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Procyon lotor*

DESCRIPTION –

- Weight – 6 to 35 lbs.
- Length – 60 to 90 cm
- Black facial coverings around eyes with ringed, bushy tail
- Forty teeth, well suited for omnivorous life

RANGE/HABITAT –

- Throughout North America from Southern Canada to Panama as well as Central Europe
- Suburban Areas including large cities

DIET –

- Berries
- Eggs
- Insects and small animals
- Garbage and pet food

FACTS -

- Raccoons are known to douse their food in water before eating!
- Can open garbage cans with their thumbs
- Raccoons were released in the wild by the Germans in 1934 to enrich the fauna and have since spread into France by the turn of the century.
- The pioneers used raccoons as an early source of food, due to high levels of protein.