
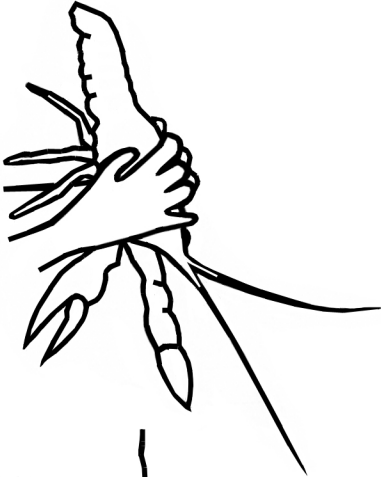





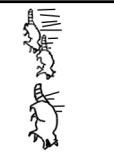


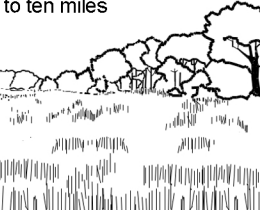
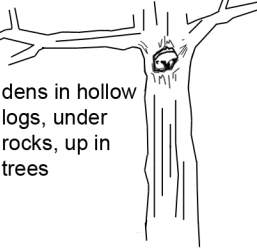





	January	<h1>Raccoon</h1> <h2><i>Procyon lotor</i></h2> <p>Animalia > Chordata > Mammalia > Carnivora > Procyonidae</p>		Missouri Department of Conservation Raccoon page: mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/raccoon National Geographic Raccoon page: animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/raccoon/			
	February	<div data-bbox="532 359 883 558" data-label="Text"> <p>Raccoons have somewhat flexible thumbs. They are not opposable like human thumbs (able to bend across the palm) but they are able to help a little with grasping objects. This allows them to handle food with a little more dexterity than other animals.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="922 331 1300 804" data-label="Image">  </div> <div data-bbox="321 751 1206 1612" data-label="Image">  </div>		Coloring Guide mixture of gray, brown and black on body, tail, and head, lighter underneath with a black mask and black stripes on the tail			
	March			Size adult length 40 to 70 cm (16 to 28") tail 25 cm (10") adult weight 3.5 to 9 kb (8 to 20 lbs) young (kits) length 10 cm (4") weight 60 to 75 g (2 to 2.6 oz)			
	April			Other Characteristics Raccoons don't have a true hibernation, but their metabolism does slow down, they sleep a lot, and they rely on fat stores built up in the fall to make it through the winter			
	May			What eats Raccoons bobcats, coyotes, great horned owls (mainly raccoon young), but predation is not a significant cause of death, most die from starvation when young or distemper, and hunting where allowed			
	June			What Raccoons eat arthropods, worms in spring and summer, fruits and nuts in fall, fish, amphibians, eggs, rarely birds and mammals, they normally hunt at night			
	July			North American Distribution 	Missouri Distribution *  <p>*less common in the Ozarks & Bootheel</p>	Habitat (home/food/water) woods near streams, but also suburbs, range is one to ten miles 	Home dens in hollow logs, under rocks, up in trees 
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