

The Raccoon - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

[A raccoon eating]

Generally a nocturnal animal, the raccoon's black facial mask and ringed tail make it easy to recognize. They can use their forepaws with great dexterity like hands.

[A raccoon using its forepaws then raccoon eating bread]

This intelligent and inquisitive animal continues to thrive even in suburbia, taking advantage of additional food supplies.

[A raccoon drinking milk from a bottle]

Inactive during the early winter, by late January, the male leaves his den to seek a mate. Litters averaging four young are born in late April.

[A raccoon walking in a marsh]

Although they are weaned at two months, they remain with their mother as a compatible family group until the following year.

[A young raccoon]

For more information on the raccoon, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.