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Animal Fact Sheet

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Raccoon Dog

Nyctereutes procyonoides

The raccoon dog is not a raccoon. It is a canid, closer to foxes than to anything in the Americas, and its mask and stocky build are pure convergence — an unrelated animal that happens to make a livi…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Temperate forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-11 years
Weight: 4.5–10 kg
Scientific name: Nyctereutes procyonoides

Did you know?

- Despite their name and appearance, raccoon dogs are not closely related to raccoons; they are members of the dog family and represent a distinct evol…
- Despite the name and the face mask, it is a canid — closer to foxes than to raccoons, which it merely resembles. It is the only dog in the world that…

What I learned

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