

URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



RACCOON

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- I'm mostly active at night—look near garbage bins, compost areas, backyard fences, or under porches.
- I have a black mask, ringed tail, and nimble front paws that can open containers and even doors.
- Listen for rustling in shrubs, soft “chirring” calls, or the patter of small feet on rooftops.

DID YOU KNOW?

Raccoons are highly intelligent problem solvers—studies show we can remember how to complete tasks for at least 3 years. We're also sensitive and social animals—mothers are fiercely protective, and siblings often stay together for months.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Secure garbage and compost bins—prevents conflict and keeps me from becoming too dependent on humans.
- Never feed raccoons—it can lead to aggression and dangerous habituation.
- Create safe wildlife corridors in urban areas by protecting green space and keeping fences passable under or over.

REFLECTION PROMPT

What hidden strengths or clever solutions have helped you navigate your own wild places?



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