

RACCOON DOG

Nyctereutes procyonoides

What is it?

A small, nocturnal fox-sized animal, originally from East Asia that looks similar to a raccoon. This species can have serious, detrimental impacts if they escape from captivity:

- Their diet includes fruit, insects, small rodents, birds and eggs making them an important predator of small birds and amphibians of conservation concern, and game species.
- They can compete with native carnivores for food and shelter.
- They could be a vector of a range of zoonotic diseases such as rabies, *Echinococcus multilocularis* and *Trichinella species*.

What does it look like?



Please do not attempt to capture this species but report any sightings (alive or dead) as soon as possible with the following information:

- When you saw it.
- Any photos or videos taken.
- Where you saw it (postcode or grid reference).
- Contact details of the person who saw it (if possible).

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