



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## Raccoons

### Characteristics and Life History



The mating season usually occurs from January to March. In the spring, female raccoons give birth to a litter of 3-7 cubs.



Raccoons usually weigh 12-36 pounds. The black mask around their eyes is said to reduce the sun's glare.

### Habitat and Diet



Raccoons are found throughout the United States as well as parts of Europe and Asia. They inhabit a variety of habitat types including forests, wetlands, and urban or suburban areas. Their diet is varied and consists of insects, fish, berries or fruits, bird eggs, and small mammals.

