



Believe it or not, raccoons are a part of the natural world in New York City. You might see one in your own neighborhood!

Did you know?

- Baby raccoons are also called kits.
- Raccoons are nocturnal—they love the night-time, but you may also see healthy raccoons during the day.
- They can rotate their hind feet almost 180 degrees. This helps them to climb up and down trees more easily.
- Raccoons can be found all across North America. They were some of the first New Yorkers, arriving here even before George Washington!
- If you see a raccoon, don't get too close. They will try to protect themselves and may scratch or bite.

WORD JUMBLE

Use words from the word bank to fill in the following sentences.

- Raccoons are very smart and learn quickly. Some say they are _____.
- Don't litter. Keep all of your _____ put away and in containers with lids.
- Raccoons prefer to be active at night. They are called _____ animals.
- Their front paws are like small hands. They also have an amazing sense of _____ which they use to find food.
- Baby raccoons are called _____.

Fill in the sentence using the numbered letters from above.

A raccoon will _____ almost anything. Scientists label them as _____.

Help to keep raccoons wild. Do _____ feed them and store all food and garbage in animal-proof contains.

WORD BANK

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|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Garbage | Nocturnal | Mischievous |
| Kits | Touch | |

ANIMAL TRACKS

Wildlife watchers love to look for animal tracks outside. You can learn a lot by following their footsteps.

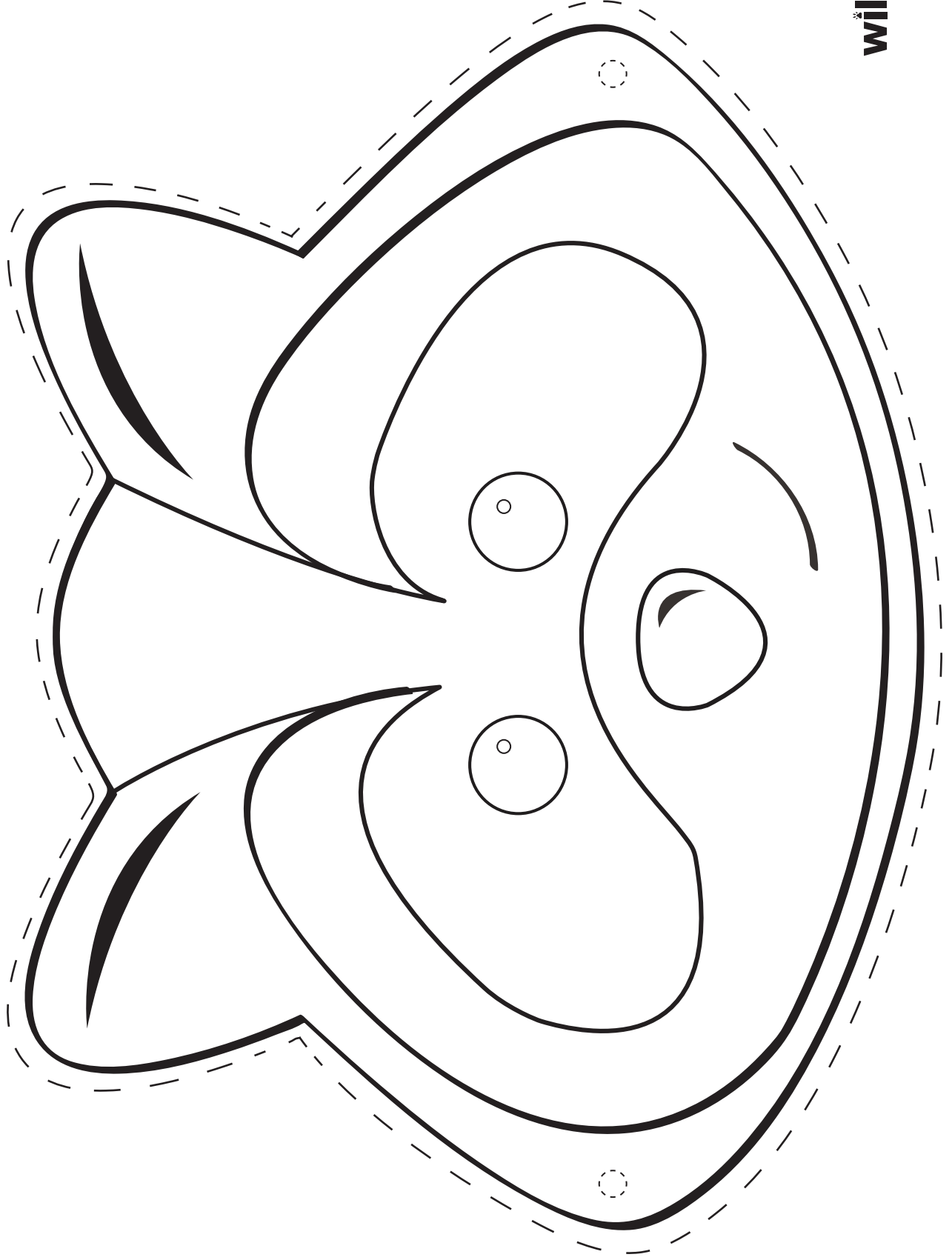
Match the animal to its tracks. Remember to look for their prints the next time you are outside.



MAKE YOUR OWN RACCOON MASK!

You can pick out a raccoon by the black stripes on its tail and black colored fur across its eyes. It looks like it is wearing a mask.

Color and cut out the mask below, add a shoelace to both sides, and tie it around you head to wear.



wildlife NYC White-tailed Deer

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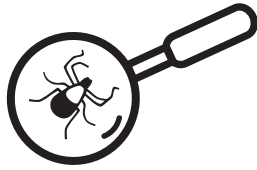
- The deer you'll see in NYC are called white-tailed deer. You can identify a baby white-tailed deer, or fawn, by the white spots on its sides.
- You're most likely to see a deer in the early morning and just before sunset, when they are most active.
- If you see a deer, don't get too close. The animals can be dangerous.
- Deer eat all kinds of plants, but human food could harm them—so keep your snacks to yourself!
- Male deer, or stags, have large antlers, so it's easy to tell them apart from the females, or does.



FAMILY VACATION

Did you know that deer always travel with their families? That means if you see one, there are likely others nearby. **Draw a family of deer in the space below.**

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a family of deer.



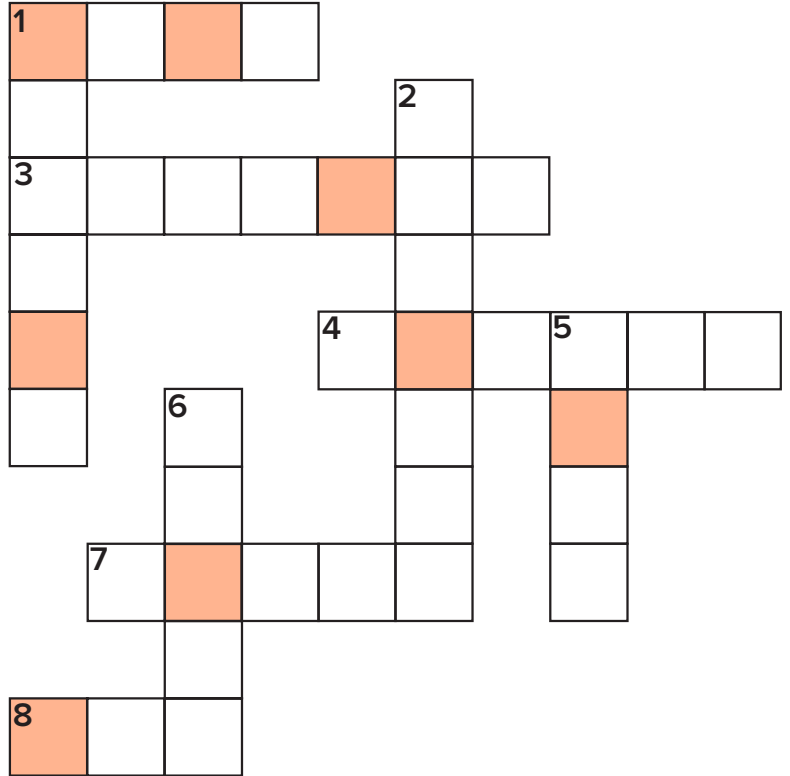
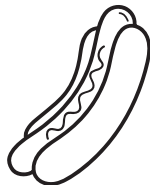
TICK CHECK

Ticks are small pests that can cause sickness in humans. They're also sneaky—ticks sometimes hitch rides on deer and spend time in wild areas. If you see a deer, a tick might not be far away.

Be safe! If you've spent time in the woods on a hike or picnic, make sure to check yourself for ticks when you get home.

DINNER TIME

Which of these are not part of a deer's diet?



WILD CROSSWORD

Fill in the clues, then unscramble the letters in the orange boxes to reveal this puzzle's theme.

ACROSS

- 1. A baby deer
- 3. A time when deer are most active
- 4. What deer eat for dinner
- 7. These pests can cause sickness
- 8. A female deer

DOWN

- 1. Deer always travel with their _____
- 2. Male deer have these on their head
- 5. The opposite of far
- 6. The deer found in NYC are _____ - tailed deer

THEME
