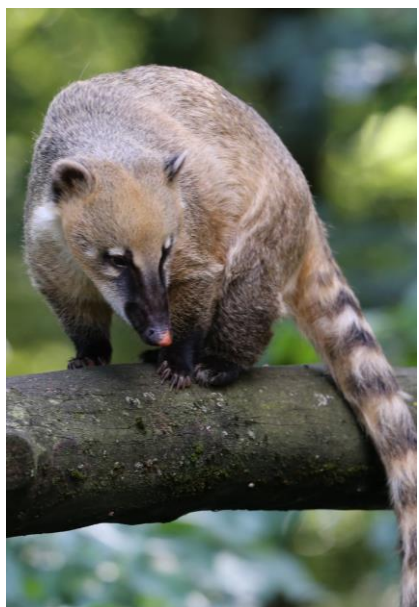


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Scientific Name: *Nasua Nasua*



IUCN Red list Status: Vulnerable (VU)
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Class: Mammalia
Order: Carnivora
Family: Procyonidae
Genus: Nasua

Habitat: Coati are predominantly found in the wooded areas ranging from Arizona, all the way south, to Argentina. Coati are mainly diurnal and spend much of their time foraging in the trees and on the ground. At night, they sleep curled up in balls (with their noses tucked into their bellies) in the trees.

Threats in the Wild: The largest threats to Coati are habitat loss due to deforestation and natives hunting them for their meat.

Physical Characteristics: Coati are actually a member of the racoon family! Their coats are grey, brown, or rust colored. Coati have a long, brown and yellow, ringed tail that is used for balance when climbing. They have a narrow skull with a squidgy nose that they use to snuffle around for food in crevices. They have a dark snout with patches of white around their neck, eyes, and cheeks. They weigh about 5-8 pounds and are usually 13-27 inches in length.

Reproduction: Males are solitary, while females form bands of up to 30 other females. Females only allow males to enter the group during breeding season and once it is over, the females chase the males away. Once a female Coati is pregnant, she will gestate for around 77 days and then give birth to 3-5 offspring.

Longevity: The lifespan of a Coati is about 14 years.

Diet: Coati are opportunistic feeders, meaning that they eat anything they can find, depending on the season. Coati eat things like insects, lizards, rodents, spiders, crabs, millipedes, small birds, eggs, fruit, and other plant material. In a way, they act as farmers of the forest. They pick and eat fruit



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and then disperse those seeds in their droppings, which allows new fruit trees to grow.

Miscellaneous: Coati is pronounced CO-AH-TI.

Cool Fact: Coati can descend trees head first by turning their ankle joints backwards.

Exhibited:

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