

# Coatimundi (*Nasua nasua*)

## Synonyms:

- Coati, Ring-tailed Coati, Coatis-mondis, Cwatismwndi (Welsh)

**Native to:** South America

**Consignments likely to come from:** unknown

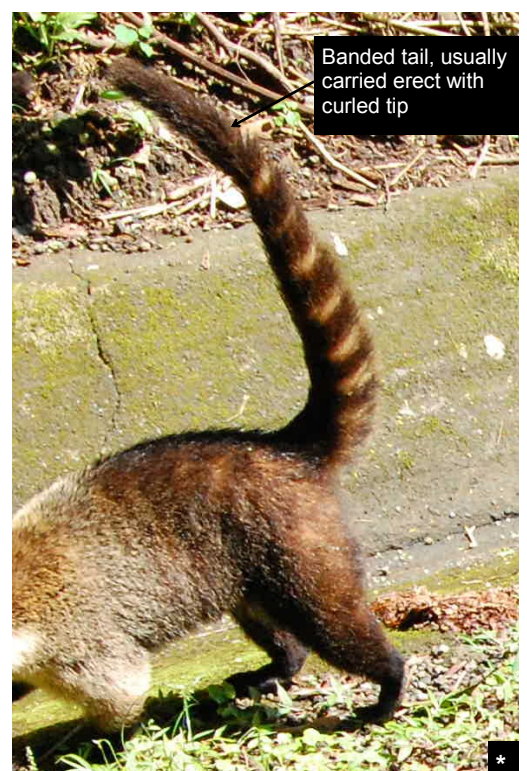
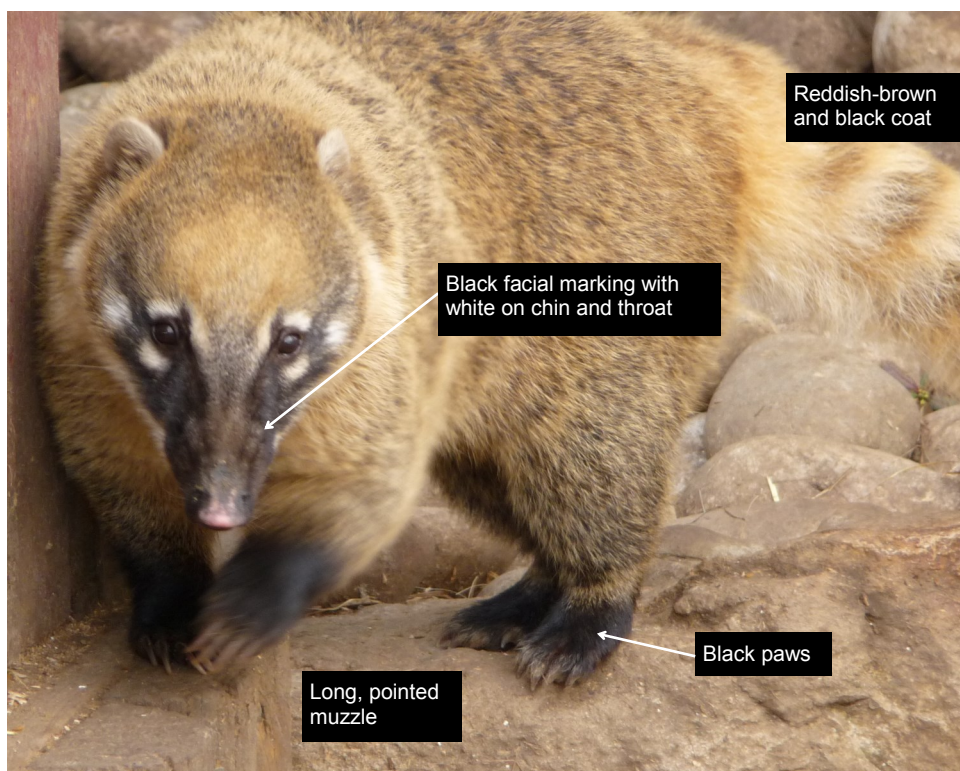
**Identification difficulty :** Easy

## Identification information:

The coatimundi is similar in size to a small dog, weighing up to 5.5 kg and the head-to-tail length ranging from 80 to 130 cm with a little more than half the length being tail. It has short forelegs, long hind legs, black feet, a pointed snout with black facial markings and a distinctive long, banded tail. It has a harsh red-brown and black coat which lightens to yellow-brown on the underparts. Coatimundi walk with a bear-like gait.



## Key ID Features





# Similar species

*Nasua nasua* may be confused with other medium sized mammals but can be distinguished by its distinctive coat and tail.

