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# Coatimundi (Nasua nasua)

Synonyms:

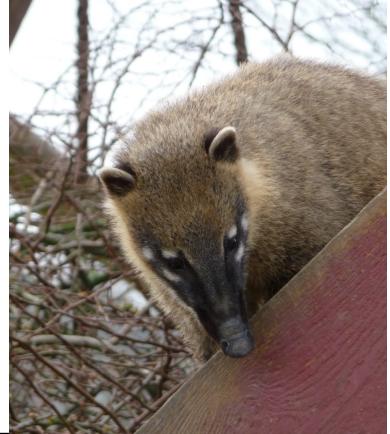
- Coatis, Ring-tailed Coati, Coatis-mondis, Cwatimwndi (Welsh)

Native to: South America Consignments likely to come from: unknown

Identification difficulty : Easy

#### Identification information:

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



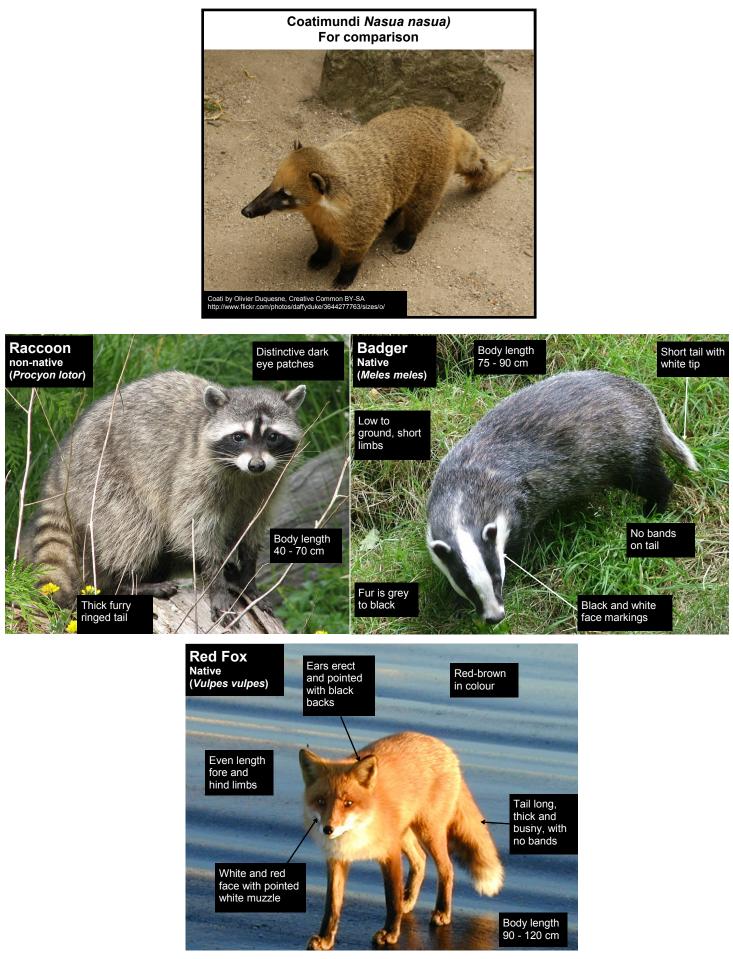
## Key ID Features



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## Similar species

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



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