GENUS PROCYON.—STORR.

DENTAL FORMULA.

$$\text{Incisive } \frac{6}{6}; \quad \text{Canine } \frac{1-1}{1-1}; \quad \text{Molar } \frac{6-6}{6-6} = 40.$$

Muzzle, pointed and projecting beyond the lower jaw ; ears, short and oval ; tail, bushy, and long. Feet, five toed, with strong nails not retractile ; soles of feet, (posterior,) naked ; the species rest on the heel, but walk on the toes. Mammæ, six ventral ; there is a gland on each side of the anus which secretes a slightly offensive fluid.

The generic name is derived from the Greek *πρῶ*, before, and *κυων*, a dog.

Two species only have been noticed : one in the northern, and the other in the southern parts of North America.

PROCYON LOTOR.—LINN.

RACCOON.

PLATE LXI.—MALE AND YOUNG.

P. corpore supra canescente plus minus in nigrum vergente, infra, auriculis pedibusque albicantibus ; facie albida, fascia sub oculari obliqua nigra, cauda rufescente annulis 4-5 nigris.

CHARACTERS.

Body above, grayish mixed with black ; ears, and beneath, whitish ; a black patch across the eye. Tail with 4 or 5 annulations of black and gray.

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