

Have You Seen Me Lately?

**Probably
not
because...**



**...I'm
usually
active
at
night!**

I'm a Wood rat, also called a Pack rat. I have large, rounded ears and a long bushy tail. I am usually brown, peppered with black hairs above with a white underside and feet. I have sharp claws and I am a good climber.

I build complex nests of twigs, often at the base of Prickly Pear or Cholla cactus. The cactus spines help protect me from owls, hawks, coyotes, lizards and snakes. I also like overgrown palm trees, hose and valve boxes, and piles of debris; areas that are dark, cool and quiet.

I prefer green vegetation (leaves, needles, shoots), but I will also consume twigs, fruits, nuts, seeds, mushrooms, and some animal matter. I will visit other houses in the area in order to get the food I need. I get all my water from my food, and I do not need to drink.



I start breeding in spring and continue through the summer (May through August). I may have 1 or 2 litters each year with 2 to 6 babies in a typical litter. My gestation period is 27–32 days. My offspring become sexually mature after 60 days.



If you want to get rid of me, I love poisons such as Enforcer Rat Max, D-Con, Just One Bite or Tomcat. I will usually die 4 to 5 days after feeding for 4 to 5 days on those tasty morsels.

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