

## The House in the Woods

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Lately we have all been enjoying feeding and watching the 3 sets of raccoons in our backyard. The mommy with her 4 babies, the OKC mommy and her 2 babies and the single male. The other day we put Hailey's stuffed animal raccoon in the window to see what they might do. They gave it some looks but kept on eating. Brady decided to put it outside. We missed the action, but apparently they did not like it and drug it off by the ear! Hailey got this raccoon for Christmas and it was in really good condition. That stuffed animal in the brief time it was on the porch STUNK of animal. It went in the wash. Would have loved to see that interaction though!

Then I told Brady, now all we have to see is some deer. So last night, Brady calls me and tells me to come out front. He had just come home from work. Two young male bucks were in the neighbors yard. It looked like they were going to come across to our yard but the kiddos were too noisy. It was funny to see them walking down the road. Two bucks at that. Usually I only see females around here. Now I want to fill the corn feeder out front and back and lure them in!

Other than the regular creepy crawly bug life that exists here we have seen:

- Cats and dogs, squirrels, lots of birds including hawks and woodpeckers, turkey's, raccoons, rabbits, moles, snakes, turtles, opossums and even smelled a skunk last night. It is bound to show up sometime! I am sure I missed some other forest animal. I enjoy feeding these critters. Leftover food is great. I can just throw it off the deck or leave in on the porch. Cheap cat food works too!