Cover: The raccoon's adaptability and heightened success in cities is often attributed to their cleverness. Yet, little is known about the cognition of raccoons, especially in wild populations. Stanton et al. (jeb243726) employed advanced techniques to study the behavior and cognitive abilities of raccoons in the field using automated operant-conditioning devices. They found that although most raccoons excelled at tests of learning, they varied in their behavior and performance, probably as a result of multiple factors including age and personality. Photo credit: Melissa Groo.

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