



Beaver

General Description: Largest North American rodent. Large orange teeth and a flat paddle-shaped tail.

Color: Various shades of brown.

Length: May be up to 5 feet in length.

Weight: Weigh as much as 90 pounds.

Habitat: Wetlands, lakes and ponds.

Food: Leaves, buds, twigs, fruits and roots of water plants.

In the winter they eat cuttings from trees that they store under water.

Fun Facts: They have nose and ear valves that close when they are underwater. They also have a nictitating membrane, which covers their eyes like goggles for swimming. Their lips close behind their teeth so they can carry branches in their mouths without drowning.

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