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COMMON NAME – American Beaver

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Castor canadensis*

DESCRIPTION –

- Mostly dark brown fur
- Rounded head
- Flat paddle-shaped tail
- Webbed feet
- May weigh up to 55 lbs.

RANGE/HABITAT –

- North America – From Canada to Northern Mexico

DIET –

- Grasses, cattails, water lilies, and other aquatic plants
- Riparian zone of stream beds

FACTS -

- Beavers create wetlands used by other species through damming efforts
- Largest dam discovered stood 2,140 ft. long, 14 ft. high, and 23 feet thick at the dam's base
- The sound of water in motion is one of the main factors causing Beavers to build
- Dams of beavers can absorb some of the pesticides and herbicides in water
- When scared, a beaver will quickly dive while slapping the water with his tail causing other beavers in the area to dive as well