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COMMON NAME – Groundhog

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Marmota monax*

DESCRIPTION –

- Length - 40 to 65 cm
- Weight – 4 to 9 lbs
- Short, powerful limbs with thick, curved claws
- Two coats of fur

RANGE/HABITAT –

- Throughout North America, but mostly in northeastern and central U.S.
- Open country and edges of woodlands
- Burrows to a depth of 5 feet and up to 45 feet in length

DIET –

- Omnivorous
- Grasses, clover, vegetables, berries, etc.
- Grubs, grasshoppers, snails

FACTS -

- Groundhogs have dense cerebral bones, allowing them to survive hard blows to the head
- The average groundhog moves approximately 700 lbs of dirt when digging a burrow
- Groundhogs are known to stand on their hind legs and whistle to burrow mates in case of danger