

# Mammal



## North American Beaver *Castor canadensis*



### LOCATED

*Native to North America, the beaver is the second largest rodent in the world (after the capybara).*



### DIET

*It eats the bark, buds and twigs from trees. It also likes to eat soft plant foods like grasses, and fern.*

### POPULATION

*The North American beaver population was once more than 60 million. This population decline is the result of extensive hunting for fur, and glands to be used for medicine & perfume.*



### HOMES

*The beaver is known for building dams, canals & lodges. A beaver colony can create one or more dams to provide still, deep water to protect against predators.*



### BUILDING

It will use powerful front teeth to cut trees and other plants that it uses both for building & food. Beavers truly are the construction workers when it comes to making strategic structures.



### TEETH

Beaver teeth never stop growing & it will chew on tree trunks to help keep the teeth from overgrowing. Its teeth are made of iron so they are super strong for trees.



### TAIL

A beaver's tail serves as a rudder when swimming, a prop when standing and when dangers around it'll slap its tails on the surface of the water to alert other beavers.

