

LOUISIANA MAMMALS



AMERICAN BEAVER

(Castor canadensis)



APPEARANCE: dark brown with a humped back, wide flat tail and webbed feet; ears and nose have valves that close when swimming; adults weigh 24-71 pounds

HABITAT: wooded rivers, streams, lakes, swamps

FOOD: strict vegetarians; cambium layer (layer just under the bark) of woody plants

Beavers are North America's largest rodent.

RANGE: throughout Louisiana, most of the United States and Canada

