

# LOUISIANA MAMMALS



# NUTRIA

*(Myocastor coypus)*



**APPEARANCE:** looks like a large, brown rat but with a rounded head; webbed hind feet; average adult weight is 12-16 pounds

**HABITAT:** swamps, marshes, rivers, lakes, streams, back waters.

**FOOD:** vegetarian; eats aquatic plants such as cattail, duck-weed and hyacinth

**Native to South America, this rodent was introduced to Louisiana.**

**RANGE:** throughout Louisiana, coastal areas of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf Coast states, Washington and Oregon

