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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Beaver

Castor canadensis

The American beaver is North America's largest rodent and one of the very few animals that remakes an entire landscape to suit itself. By felling trees and damming streams it converts running water i…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Castoridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes in forested and mixed woodland regions
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years in the wild
Weight: 16-32 kg (35-70 lbs)
Scientific name: Castor canadensis

Did you know?

- Beaver dams are visible from space and can reach lengths of over 850 meters (2,790 feet), making them some of the largest animal-made structures on E…
- Beaver teeth are orange because the enamel is reinforced with iron — and they self-sharpen as they wear. Their lips close behind the incisors, lettin…

What I learned

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