



Maine Mammal Information Sheet

H - Height
L - Length
T - Tail

Mammal	Features	Size	Habitat	Food	Litter Size	When Born	Behavior
MUSKRAT	Small ears, short legs, scaly tail, brown fur, smaller front feet.	L 16 - 24" T 7 - 12" 1 1/4 - 4 lbs.	Wetlands	Aquatic plants, crayfish, frogs, and fish	4 - 7	May - Oct.	Nocturnal Build mud homesites
BEAVER	Largest rodent, flat scaly tail, large front teeth; sexes indistinguishable.	L 35 - 46" T 11 - 17" 45 - 60 lbs.	Rivers, streams, marshes, lakes ponds	Vegetation, tree twigs, water plants	4 - 5	April - May	Nocturnal; cuts trees, builds lodges and dams
RIVER OTTER	Long, slender; webbed feet, brown fur.	L 35 - 51" T 11 - 20" 11 - 30 lbs.	Wetlands, rivers, lakes, bays	Fish, frogs, shellfish, and small mammals	1 - 4	March - April	Active day and night; can travel long distances from home
MINK	Sleek body, short, legs. Soft dark fur.	L 19 - 28" T 6 - 7" 11/2 - 31/2 lbs.	Rivers, creeks, lakes ponds, and marshes	small animals, birds, fish, snakes, frogs	3 - 6	March - April	Nocturnal; most of its time spent hunting
SHORT-TAIL WEASEL	Small, short, brown fur, white in winter, black tipped tail year round.	L 7 - 13" T 1 3/4 - 3" 1 - 6 oz.	Brushland, open fields, wetlands	Mainly mice; but also shrews, baby rabbits, and birds	4 - 9	May - June	Nocturnal; tree climber, investigates holes when hunting
LONG-TAIL WEASEL	Long tail, with black tip. Brown in summer, white in winter.	L 11 - 21" T 3 - 6" 3 - 10 oz.	Forest edge, brushland, near water	Mice, rabbits, birds, chipmunks, shrews, and rats	4 - 9	April - May	Nocturnal; tree climber
FISHER	Long, thin, body	L 33 - 40" 4 - 20 lbs.	Forest, brushlands, grown-up clear cuts	Small animals, berries, nuts, only predator of porcupine	1 - 5	May - June	Nocturnal; solitary, aggressive hunter
RACCOON	brown fur. Black mask, long, ringed tail.	L 23 - 37" T 7 - 16" 12 - 48 lbs.	Wetlands, some developed areas	Prefers sweet foods, fruit, nuts, birds eggs, insects, frogs	4 - 5	April - May	Nocturnal and solitary
SKUNK	Black coat with white stripe down back. Bushy black tail with white tip	L 20 - 31" T 7 - 15" 6 - 14 lbs.	Woodlands, grassy plains, suburbs	Plants, insects, grubs, small mammals, eggs of ground nesting birds, and amphibians	4 - 7	April - May	Nocturnal; sprays musk as defense

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OPOSSUM	Greyish fur, scaly prehensile tail, pouches in female	L 25 - 40" T 10 - 21" 4 - 14 lbs	Open woods, brushy wastelands, farmlands	Carrion, insects, frogs, birds, snakes, fruits berries	1 - 14	March - April	Nocturnal and solitary; "plays dead" as defense
RED FOX	Red coat, white-tipped, bushy tail	L 35 - 40" T 13 - 17" 8 - 15 lbs	Mixed cultivated and wooded areas, brushlands	birds and mammals in winter; vegetation and fruits in summer	4 - 8	March - May	Nocturnal; shy, nervous; good smell and hearing
GRAY FOX	Doglike, black stripe down back	H 14 - 15" L 31 - 44" T 8 - 17" 7 - 13 lbs	Wooded areas and brushlands	Rabbits, small mammals, birds, insects, fruits, nuts	3 - 4	March - April	Primarily nocturnal
BOBCAT	Catlike, face ruff, black-tipped ears	L 28 - 49" T 3 - 7" 14 - 68 lbs	Scrubby country, broken forests	Rabbits, mice, squirrels, porcupines, cave bats	2 - 3	April - May	Active day and night, solitary animal
COYOTE	Doglike, narrow muzzle, greyish fur	H 23 - 26" L 41 - 52" T 11 - 15" 20 - 40 lbs	Hilly, brushy areas, also open areas, adapted to suburbs	Rabbits, mice, squirrels, birds, frogs, snakes, insects	1 - 10	April - May	Family is the social unit; strong swimmer
MARTEN	Dark brown to blond fur, pointed snout, small ears	L 19 - 27" T 5 - 9" 1 - 3 1/2 lbs.	Soft wood dominated mixed forests	Small mammals, small birds, and their eggs, insects, fruits, frogs	3 - 4	April - May	Active day and night
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	Grayish-brown with some black, short tail	L 14 - 18" T 1 - 3" 2 - 4 lbs.	Brushy areas, open woodlands, swamps, mountains	Summer: grasses and herbs. Winter: seedlings, bark, twigs, buds	2 or 3 litters per year; 3 - 8 young per litter	March - July	Secretive, rarely ventures from cover
WHITE-TAILED DEER	Reddish-brown in summer, grayish-brown in winter	H 3 - 3 1/2 ft. L 4 1/2 - 6 3/4 ft. 200-300 lbs male 150-250 lbs female	Forest edges, swamp borders	Woody vegetation, green plants, nuts, corn	1 - 3	May - June	When alarmed it raises its tail to alert others
BLACK BEAR	Not only black, but is seen in auburn or cinnamon colors with patches of white on chest and tips of paws	H 3 - 3 1/2 ft L 4 1/2 - 6 1/4 ft. 203 - 595 lbs.	Fairly remote forests and swamps	Vegetation including twigs, leaves, buds, nuts, fruits	1 - 5 (avg 2)	Jan. - March	Nocturnal, solitary, mark trees by clawing and ripping off bark.