



AMERICAN MINK

Mustela vison

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Mink are typically between 14 and 20 inches in length.

WEIGHT

On average, the adult mink weighs between two and three pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Mink are carnivores. They eat small mammals such as mice, rabbits and squirrels, but will also eat bird eggs, snakes, frogs, crayfish, and fish.

HABITAT

Mink are near rivers, lakes, wetlands, forests, and farmlands.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Mink are found throughout the eastern half of the United States and throughout most of Canada

FUN FACT

Mink used to be commonly used to make fur coats. It would take as many as 50 mink to make one coat.



The mink has soft, thick fur that is mostly brown. It also has webbed feet that are used in the water for swimming. The mink prefers a habitat near water, with rocks or shrub cover for protection. It is very territorial and uses musk as a signal. As a result, the musk does not allow members of the same sex to invade a territory. The mink has a versatile body that allows it to be agile in and out of water. It is a strong predator of small mammals and aquatic animals.

