

What is a nutria?

Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) are large aquatic rodents native to South America. Nutria can weigh up to 20 lbs and are up to 3 feet long including the tail. They feed mostly on aquatic vegetation, but will leave the water to feed on land as well. Nutria were brought to North America around 1900 as a new source of fur and were released at various locations throughout the United States.