

Cut out these cards and paste them in the right places on the habitat pages following.

Description

I am brown. My tail is broad and flat. I have two front teeth which are very large and sharp.

Description

I am a large rat. My tail is long and thin and bare. My ears are short and hidden in my fur.

Adaptation/Behaviour

My tail is very important to me. I use it for a rudder when I swim and it helps me balance when I am standing and walking. I use it as a lever when I drag logs. I live with my family and we work together to take care of our home.

Adaptation/Behaviour

I spend most of my time in the water and I am a good swimmer. I live with my family and we are very quarrelsome. If it is a good year we may have up to eleven young. I can be dangerous if cornered.

Signs

I build a dam to make a pond and then build my lodge in the middle or on the bank. I build canals so I can reach the place where I go to cut logs. These canals can be almost 100 meters long.

Signs

I make dome-shaped houses of cattails where I store food in winter. You will see my pushups in winter. I leave a trail of bubbles when I swim under the ice.

Diet

My favorite foods are bark, leaves, twigs and buds of aspen, willows and birch. I also eat water plants.

Diet

I eat many kinds of water plants: Cattails, bulrush stems and roots are a favorite. I sometimes eat clams, frogs, and small animals that live in the water.

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Description

I have a long body and neck, short legs and bushy tail about half the length of my body.

Description

I am a grayish brown cat with long legs, a stubby black-tipped tail and long tufts of black on my ears and cheeks.

Adaptation/Behaviour

I have very strong jaws so that I can keep hold of and kill my prey. The glands at the base of my tail release a strong musky smell when I am excited or when I want to mark my territory. I am a good swimmer.

Adaptation/Behaviour

My furry large paws are like snowshoes so I can walk on top of the snow. I can leap as far as four meters. I live alone and hunt at night.

Signs

I do not usually leave clear tracks but you find a tunnel leading through the snow to a hole in the ice, I was there. Sometimes I hunt along the air space between the ice and the water.

Signs

I draw my claws back when I walk. If you are looking for my tracks, look first for signs of snowshoe hares.

Diet

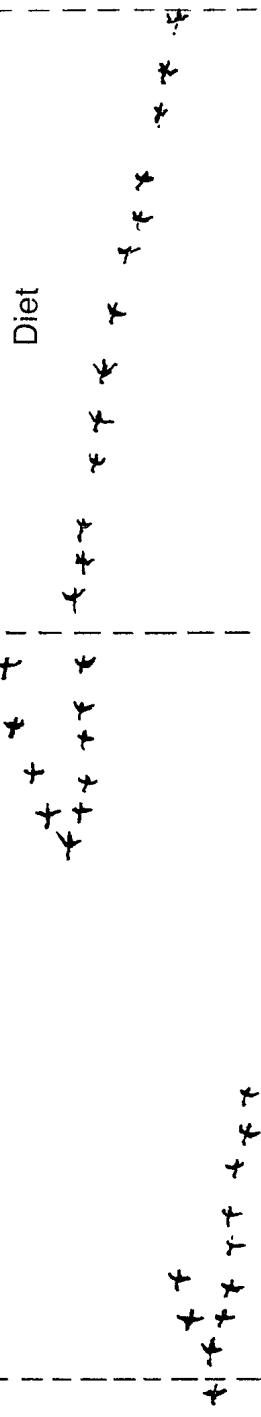
I eat fish, ducks, birds, voles, frogs and muskrat. I am a bold and ferocious hunter and will attack animals that are two or three times my size.

Diet

I eat snowshoe hares, grouse, squirrels and mice. When there are many snowshoe hares there are many of us, when there are few snowshoe hares there are few of us.

Adaptation/Behaviour

Diet



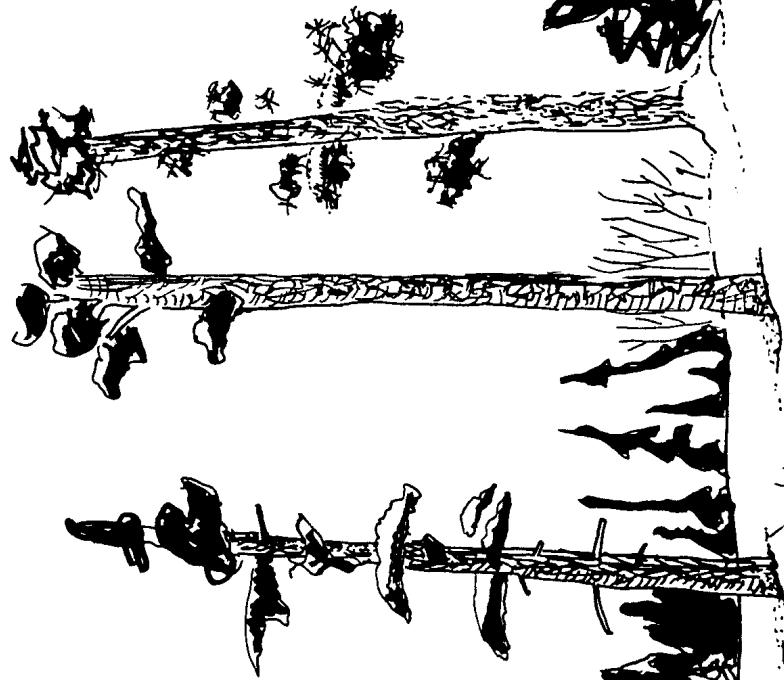
MUSKRAT HABITAT



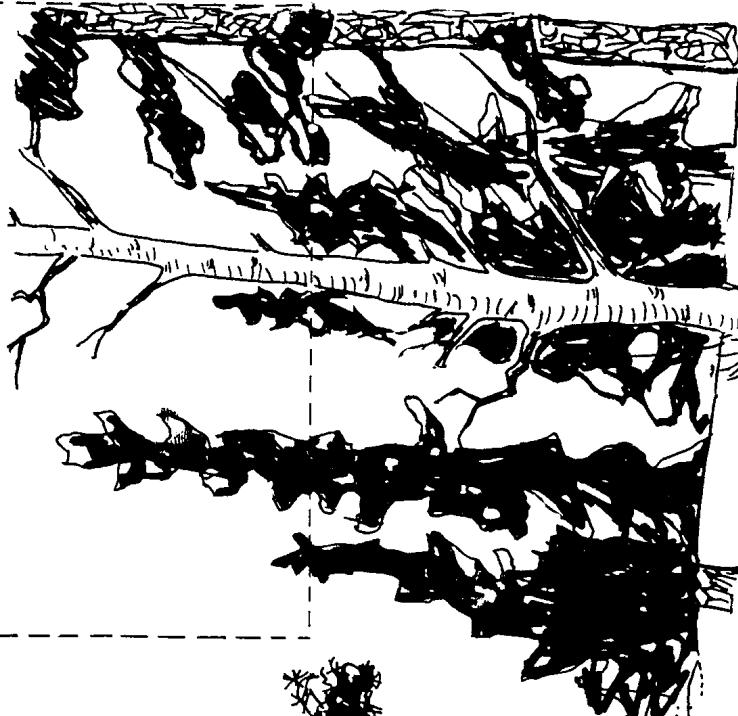
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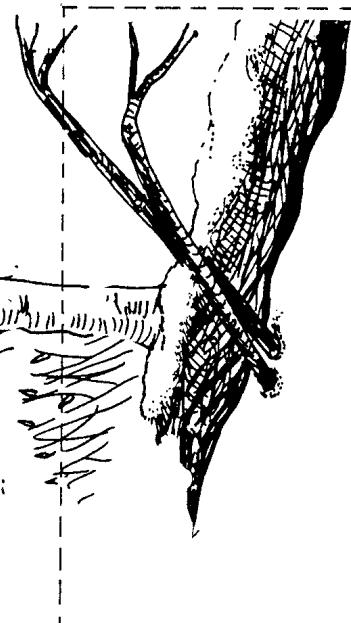
Adaptation/Behaviour



Diet

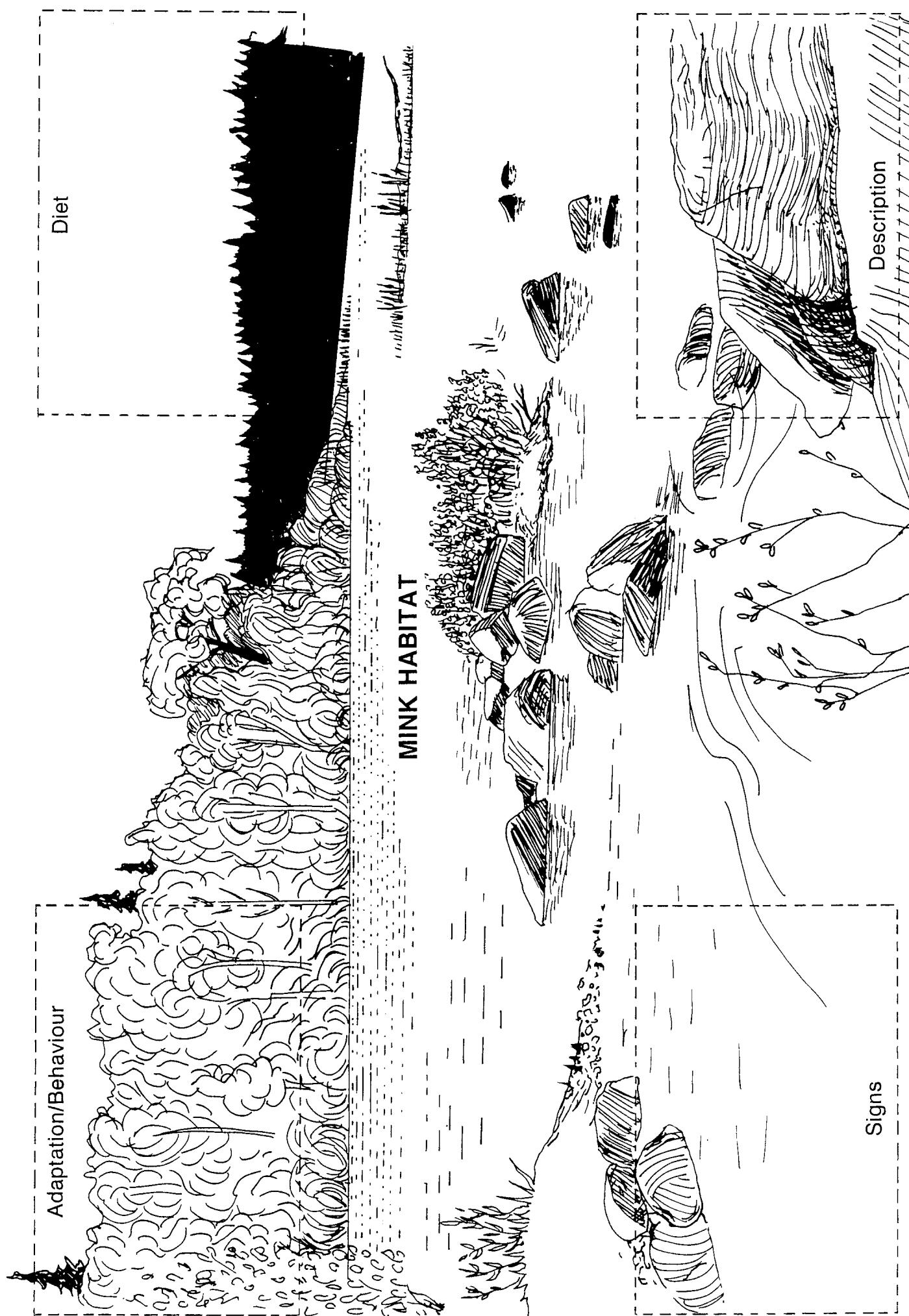


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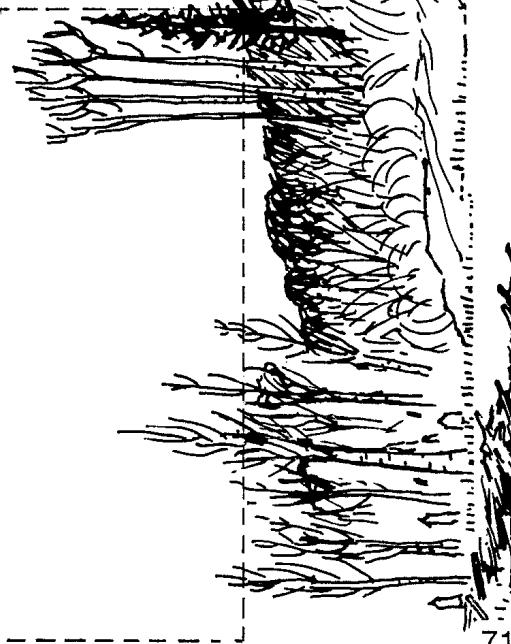


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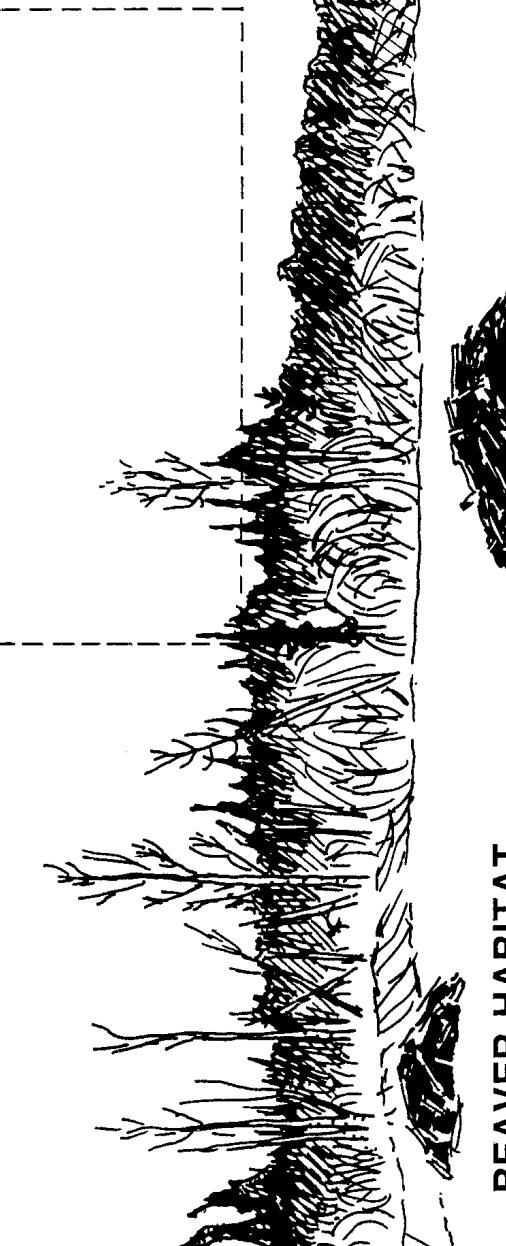


Adaptation/Behaviour



BEAVER HABITAT

Diet



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Signs



Description