

GROUNDHOGS

HOME

CONTINENT: North America

COUNTRIES: Canada, United States



Groundhogs have a wide distribution in North America, especially in the east, being found from Georgia and Alabama in the United States to Ontario and northern Quebec. In the West, they go northward to Alaska and through the Northwest Territories.

DESCRIPTION

NAMES: Whistle pig, Woodchuck, Land Beaver

TOP SPEED: 16 km/h

LIFE SPAN: 3-10 years

WEIGHT: 2-4 kg

SIZE: 40-65 cm



FAMILY

REPRODUCTION SEASON: March to April

PREGNANCY DURATION: 31-32 days

BABY CARRYING: 1-9 pups

INDEPENDENCE AGE: 2 months

BABY NAME: cub, pup, kit

Mating takes place after hibernation in spring, from early March until mid or late April.

Gestation is 31 to 32 days.

The size of most litters is 3 to 5 pups. Very quickly pups become independent and leave their mothers around 2 months old.

