

Mink

Mink are members of the weasel family, which makes them naturally a vicious predator. Mink mainly live near some source of water, making those who live near a waterway the most vulnerable. A Mink's diet consists of fish, rats, mice, squirrels, crawdads, rabbits, birds, poultry and other small farm animals when it lives near them. A Mink's color ranges from light brown to black.

Mink mate in February and March, with the average total time of gestation ranging from 40-50 days. The baby mink, or "kits" will have a short, silver to whitish hair. Each female typically produces 4-6 kits per year, but can have as many as 10. Many mink don't live past 6 months old, due to predators, disease and starvation, but can live up to 4 years in the wild. Mink tracks are about the shape of a quarter, with the toes being leaf shaped, (round on the back and pointed in front. See image below.)

