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Hello my name is Myocaster coypus, I am a nutria and I enjoy eating marine plants! One day as I was walking through the wetlands in New Orleans, I saw a few humans. One pointed at me and yelled "EWW!! A MUSKRAT! GET IT AWAY FROM ME!" That was when I decided to

sing:

I'm a Nutria!
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I like to eat plants!
And I'm a Nutria!

Out of that came an amazing reaction. "WOW! The muskrat talks!" Above me lingered a sign that read:

Environmental Impacts - NUTRIA

- Opportunistic Feeders
- Consumes 25% of body weight in Vegetation each day



"Wow! Hey Jackie, maybe we should have it as a pet!" "EWW! NO WAY! We should call the Zookeeper!"

At this point, I was freaking out. Beside me on the ground lay a small beaten up sign that read:

Identification & Habitat – NUTRIA

- Nutria prefer Lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands, they burrow into incised banks.
- Nutria are great swimmers, with webbed hind feet and rat-like tails
- Nutria are often mistaken for a Beaver while swimming.
- Brown Fur
- Yellow teeth
- White, hairy chin

Then a small girl came with her Brother, Mother, and Father. The boy said "EWW! A Nutria, we studied about these in school!" "CHARLES, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?" Cried the mother. "

Son, I think we should fry it up on the grill for the holiday dinner." I ran away as fast as I could, and saw something on the ground, it read:

Distribution - NUTRIA

- Nutria are native to South America
- They have been introduced to Europe, Asia, North America, and Africa
- Nutria are very common in urban and suburban environments

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Suddenly, a zookeeper picked me up. "Yup Bill, this is the last of 'em!" and I got thrown into a cage and lived a happy life in captivity.

The End