

places so low, that they are generally, at that season, overflowed by water. During the summer months, they have no fixed residence: but are found in different places, among the grass. As the winter approaches, they erect new huts, in which they pass the winter. Carver is surely mistaken when he states, that they winter in hollow trees, without any sustenance, and that, in the summer, they feed on raspberries, strawberries and other kinds of fruit.

In the North West country, there are only three kinds of squirrels, which are the red, the striped and the flying. The black and grey squirrel, seldom go farther north, than latitude forty five or six.

The beaver has been so frequently and so minutely described, and his sagacity, ingenuity and industry are so well known, that a very particular account of this animal, in this place, would be superfluous. As some other animals, in the foregoing description, have been compared with the beaver, it may be necessary to state, that his weight is usually about sixty pounds: that his body is about four feet in length, and that his legs are short, particularly his fore-legs, which are not more than four or five inches in length. His fore feet are armed with claws, and his hind feet are furnished with a web or membrane between the toes, for the convenience of swimming, as he is an amphi-