



NORTHERN RIVER OTTER

Lutra canadensis



The river otter, a member of the weasel family, will eat crayfish, frogs, insects, and fish. They are typically found in rivers, lakes, and streams with very clean water. With fully webbed toes on each foot, the river otter is a great swimmer that can reach underwater speeds up to seven miles per hour. They are free spirited animals that like to play games. The coat of a river otter is a sleek dark to reddish brown, while the throat and belly can be light brown, tan, or silver.

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

On average, adult river otters are about three feet in length.

WEIGHT

On average, adult river otters weigh between 10 and 30 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

River otters are carnivores. They eat a variety of fish, crayfish, frogs, and aquatic insects.

HABITAT

River otters are primarily found in rivers, lakes, and streams with clean water.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

River otters are found throughout most of the United States and Canada.

FUN FACT

The river otter's eyes contain specially adapted lenses that allow them to see clearly while swimming underwater.

