

# River Otter: *Lontra canadensis*



**T**he playful North American River Otter is equally at home in the water and on land, but is more aquatic than terrestrial. It makes its home in a burrow near the water's edge, and thrives in river, lake, swamp or estuary ecosystems.

River otters also have webbed feet, water-repellent fur to keep them dry and warm, and nostrils and ears that close in the water. Fish are a favorite food for river otters, but they also eat amphibians, turtles and crawfish. North American River Otters seem to be sensitive to pollution and disappear from areas with polluted waters.



Otter habitat in yellow