River Otter: *Lontra canadensis*

The 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]