

Giant River Otter



Did you know?

Where do they Live?

Giant River Otters live in the Amazon in South America with family groups of up to 20 otters.

Powerful Swimmers

Otters are powerful swimmers and propel themselves through the water with their tails, long bodies, and huge webbed feet. Their feet are so large they often leave bigger footprints than a human foot.

They really are Giant!

They are not called giant for nothing! They grow up to 6 feet (1.8m) in length and can weigh up to 70 pounds (31.5kg).



Raising their Babies

Otter pairs are monogamous and live in burrows where up to six baby otters live for their first two months before they learn to swim.



What Do They Eat?

They live on a diet of fish but have been known to hunt for animals such as caiman, anacondas and piranhas and need to eat up to nine pounds (4kg) of food per day.

Webbed Feet

They also have webbed feet, water-repellent fur to keep them dry and warm, and nostrils and ears that close in the water.

Endangered Species

Giant River Otters are considered endangered due to increasing habitat destruction and hunting for their fur.



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The Giant River Otter can be found here!