

LOUISIANA MAMMALS



NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER

(Lutra canadensis)



APPEARANCE: brown fur with oily underfur and glossy guard hairs; long, slender body with a flattened head; adults weigh 11-30 pounds

HABITAT: rivers, lakes, wetlands; in both fresh and brackish waters

FOOD: carnivorous; fish, crabs, frogs, small mammals, birds

Otters are highly skilled swimmers and love to play.

RANGE: throughout Louisiana and in other coastal states

