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# Giant Otter

*Pteronura brasiliensis*

Pteronura brasiliensis is the largest otter in the world, reaching 1.8 m nose to tail, and it is the only one that has become genuinely, noisily social. Family groups of half a dozen to twenty animal…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Mustelidae
**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers, lakes, and wetlands in tropical rainforests
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Endangered
**Lifespan:** 10-12 years in the wild
**Weight:** 22–34 kg (49–75 lbs)
**Scientific name:** Pteronura brasiliensis

## Did you know?

- Giant otters are the most social of all otter species and often hunt cooperatively in groups to catch larger prey.
- Giant otters are diurnal, unlike almost every other large Amazonian predator, and they maintain communal latrines and cleared "campsites" on the bank…

## What I learned

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