

Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Otter

Pteronura brasiliensis

The Giant Otter is the largest member of the otter family, reaching lengths of up to 1.7 meters (5.6 feet) and noted for its sleek, chocolate-brown fur and conspicuous throat markings. Native to the ...

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 sometimes called 'river wolves' due to their hunting prowess and teamwork. Each individual has a unique throat pattern, which helps ...

What I learned
