

Sea Otters

Enhydra lutris

Fun Facts

Habitat: Northern and eastern North Pacific Ocean

- An otter is one of the few species that use tools. They will use rocks to open food like clams, sea urchins and crabs.
- Their nickname is the “sea beaver.”
- They keep warm because of their incredibly dense fur—with up to nearly 1,000,000 (one million) hairs per square inch!
- A sea otter’s fur has long, waterproof guard hairs and short underfur; the guard hairs keep the dense underfur layer dry.
- They spend a lot of time grooming! Cleaning, untangling, removing loose fur, squeezing water out and blow drying!



Groups of otters are called rafts, and sometimes they hold hands to stay together!



An otter “pup” will be carried on his mom’s chest while she floats to protect them from the cold water.

Luke 12:7

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”