







OTTER SPOTTER'S GUIDE

FEATURE	OTTER (ADULT)	MINK (ADULT)
Coat colour (dry)	Milk chocolate brown	Plain chocolate brown
Coat colour (wet)	Dark brown	Black
Tail	Long, tapering and sleek	Round and fluffy
Size (including tail)	4 feet (1.2 metres)	2 feet (0.5 metres)
		
Weight	Up to 25 lbs (10kgs)	2.5 lbs (1kg)
Face	Broad muzzle	Pointed muzzle
Behaviour	Nocturnal and shy	Nocturnal/ diurnal and bold
Footprint size	3 inches (75mm) across	1 inch (25mm) across
		
Swimming	Low in the water	High in the water
Droppings	Pleasant: hay-like smell	Horrible: Rancid fish oil!
		
Other features	Pale cream chin and chest	White chin only