

Otter / Mink



Otter - *Lutra lutra*

ID Features:- Light brown fur above (this looks darker when wet), cream fur below and a long tail with rounded tip. Rounded muzzle with a black nose and usually swims with only head exposed and generally swims lower in the water.

Size:- 60-110cm, tail approx. 40% length of body.

Weight:- 7-11kg

Distribution:- All of the UK apart from some areas of the midlands.

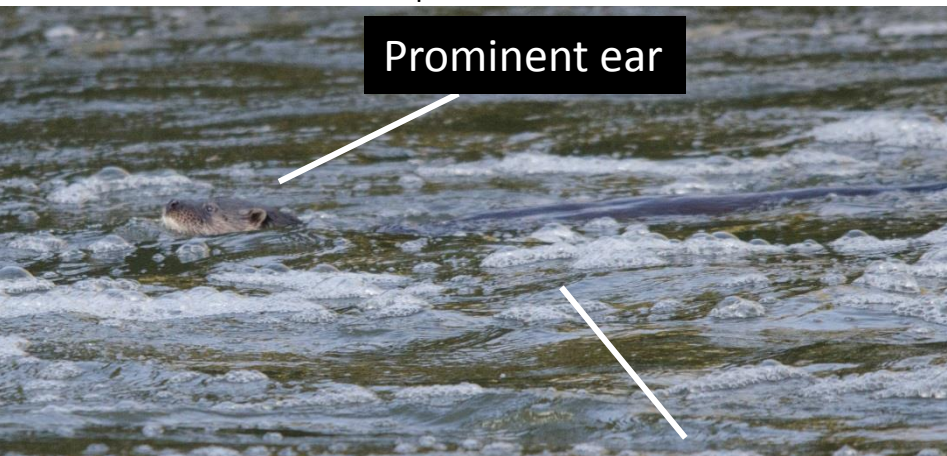
Mink - *Neovision vision*

ID Features:- Shiny dark chocolate brown fur that looks almost black. Slightly bushy tail ends in a point. A cream fur patch below the chin, a pointed muzzle and a pink nose. Swims with head and back exposed.

Size:- 30-47cm, tail approx. 50% length of body.

Weight:- 0.5-1.5kg

Distribution:- All of the UK apart from some Scottish islands.



Swims low in water
Swims high in water
Small white throat
White chest
Very dark brown
Light brown



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How to separate

Size:- Otter is at least twice the size of a mink.

Appearance:- Mink dark and shaggy, otter lighter and smooth.

