

# 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.

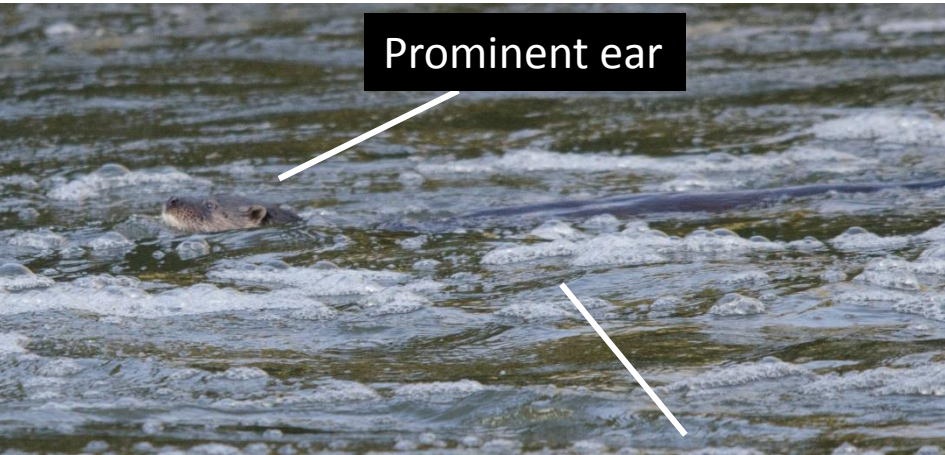
## Mink - *Neovision vision*

**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.

