Here at ZooMontana we house only one species of otter, the North American River Otter, but there are 13 species of otter across the world! Can you find the otters at our zoo? They have lots of napping places on exhibit, as well as two ponds to swim in, where they will go swimming even in the middle of winter!

North American River Otters live near most *aquatic*, or water, habitats in the U.S.; including rivers, streams, lakes, marshes, and more. They can run and play on land, as well as swim and play in the water! To live their watery lifestyle, they have some cool adaptations:



- They have two layers of fur for water repelling and warmth.
- Their ears and nose close when they dive.
- They can hold their breath for 8 minutes and dive up to 40 feet.
- They have webbing between their toes to help them paddle.
- Their long, muscled tail is used to steer while swimming.

Can you color in the habitat for this North American River Otter?

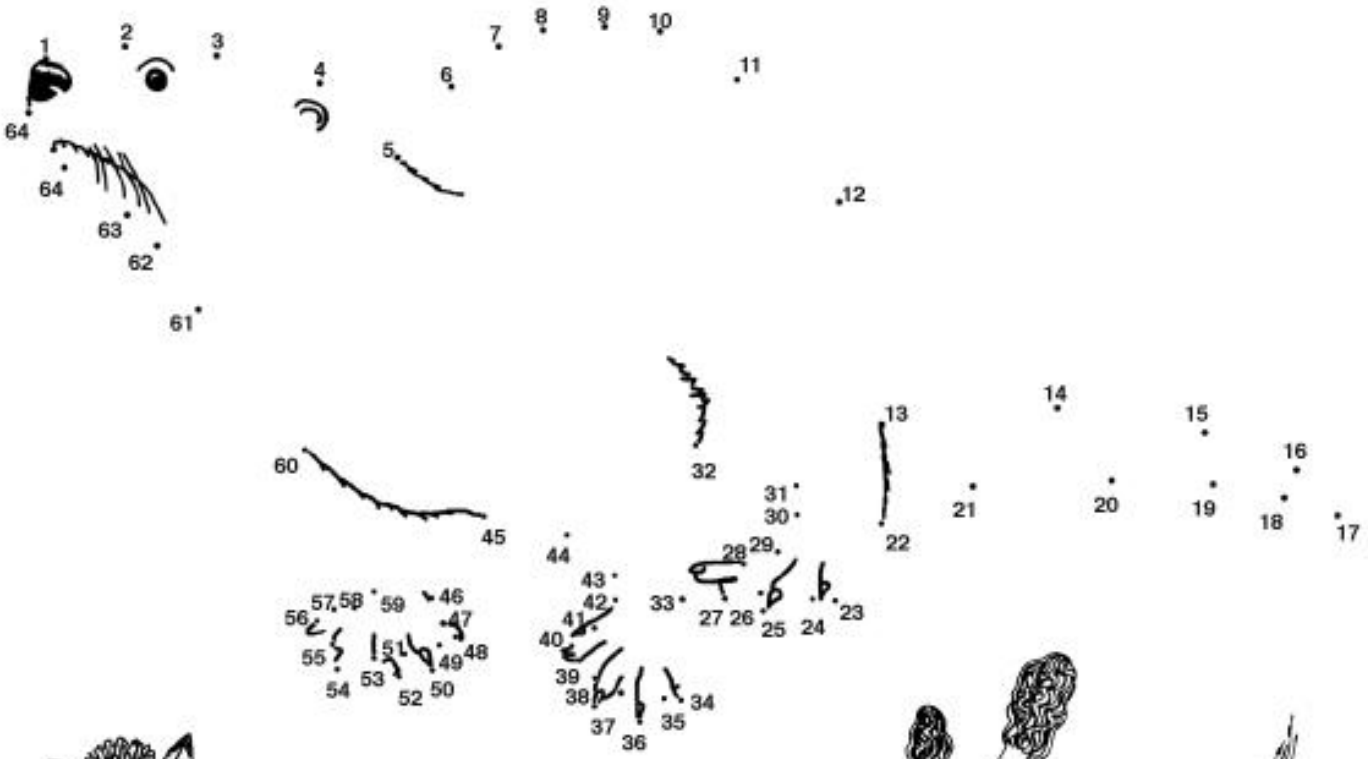


Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to see *Lutra canadensis*.

A member of the weasel family, circle the foods that this animal eats. It is a

_____ _____.




clover


eggs


crayfish


mushrooms


grass


pinecone


ferns


frogs


acorns


fish

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