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INTRODUCTION

Living and studying the river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) in southwest Florida and compiling the bibliography for *Lontra canadensis* caused me think more about this otter species' counterpart, the neotropical river otter (*Lontra longicaudis*), in Mexico and Central and South America. I wanted to know more about the biology, ecology, and conservation of the neotropical river otter and wish to learn about and compare research studies and methodologies between these two species. This bibliography was primarily compiled to aid undergraduate and graduate students and colleagues in the New World seeking information on the neotropical river otter.

What happens to the future of this bibliography? This is up to you scientists investigating *Lontra longicaudis*. Please realize it is not difficult to do a literature search on a species. All you need to do is go to Google and type in the scientific name followed by the year e.g. *Lontra longicaudis* 2023. You do need not italicize the scientific name. Then click the scientific name and year. Many publications will appear and all you do is scroll downward and click on the article title and the article will appear for you to copy and or save. When doing your search using a specific scientific name plus the year you need to realize many article titles will appear for publications of previous years.

The formatting I use in this and all other of my other bibliographies is the format I use for the bibliography for the North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*). For this bibliography, I believe the first formatting challenge is the language used in the citation. The citations for *Lontra longicaudis*, in the scientific literature, are primarily in either in Portuguese, Spanish, or English. These citations are presented in the bibliography in the language used in the publications found in the literature search. Portuguese and Spanish citations have an italicized English translation, in brackets, following the publication title. No attempt was made to translate a citation from English to Portuguese or Spanish as the next author(s) can do that. Only a few publishers will provide an English translation. Google Translate was used for the translations. Some citations, seen during the literature search, are lacking the year of publication and the name of the journal in which they were published. These citations were searched for on the internet to find the year and publication information. The use of the scientific name singularly in the title is always italicized. If the common name is used followed by the scientific name, then the scientific name appears in parentheses and is also italicized. Author formatting is another challenge. A variety of formats can be seen in the scientific literature. In this bibliography and the *Lontra canadensis* bibliography the initials of the first author follow the author's last name and the initial(s) of the first name(s) of the additional authors precedes these authors' last names. The title of the journal or publication is always italicized and the volume number is in bold type and the issue number, if available, is in parentheses. The pages of the citation, if indicated in the literature, always follow the volume and issue numbers and are separated by a colon. Should a secondary author "post" a publication online, using their name as the name of the primary author, this citation will not be included in this bibliography. This is a frequent occurrence in the literature and requires a great deal of time to investigate and determine the actual primary author and co-author names in the original publication.

New and recently discovered publications are included in the main body of the bibliography and also in a separately published addendum. This allows individuals, who have a complete version of the previous year's bibliography, to download the new and recently publications separate from the entire bibliography.

Accessing citations can occur through downloading the citation tile alone or via a hyperlink. Originally hyperlinks were not added to the earlier versions of this bibliography. However, hyperlinks are now being gradually being added to the citation titles in the bibliography while all the new and recently discovered citations in the Addendum contain hyperlinks if they are available. If a hyperlink cannot be located for a citation a statement appears below the citation containing the words "No hyperlink located". The hyperlinks used in the bibliographic resources are either a DOI (digital object identifier) or a URL (Universal Resource Locator).

Should you be conducting or planning to conduct research on either of the three otters in North America-Sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*), North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*), or Neotropical otter (*Lontra longicaudis*) I wish to recommend you tell your research colleagues about your initiative(s). The IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) hosts a publication entitled The North American Otter Chronicles (NAOC) available at <https://www.otterchronicles.org>. The "Chronicles" was modelled after "The River Otter Journal" (ROJ) and all publications of the "Journal" are held as "A Historical Archive" only in the "Chronicles". You can locate the information on how to submit an article to the Chronicles by going to the top of the Chronicles Home page and clicking on CHRONICLES. Once in, click on [How to submit an article to the Chronicles](#). You can also access all the ROJ publications by clicking on RIVER OTTER JOURNAL at the top of the Home page.

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