

**Long Island River Otter
Research Project Update
with Michael Bottini**

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The river otter is a top-of-the-food-chain, semi-aquatic mammal whose populations suffered dramatic declines during the fur trade era. It is an important member of freshwater and estuarine ecosystems, and many states - including New York - have implemented otter re-introduction programs to assist the recovery of extirpated populations. Join us tonight to learn about the ecology and habits of river otters, as well as the latest findings based upon the camera trap project currently in progress, including 3 camera sites within HOBAS' territory!

Mike Bottini studied elk in Banff National Park while earning a Master's degree at The University of British Columbia. Since returning to Long Island, his wildlife research has included spotted turtles, tiger and spotted salamanders, and piping plovers, in addition to river otters. Mike also enjoys teaching, and has taught field biology and environmental science courses at St. Lawrence University, Southampton College, and CUNY, as well as leading nature walks and paddles on eastern Long Island.

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