

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Presents



# River Otters of Long Island

with Michael Bottini

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

7pm

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. HOBAS helped fund the Long Island River Otter Project with the purchase of motion detector cameras and a video cam in 2012 and 2013. Join us tonight to learn about the ecology and habits of river otters, as well as the most up-to-date results of the project.

**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.

**All programs are free and open to the public!**

**Cold Spring Harbor Library, 95 Harbor Road (Rt 25A), downstairs meeting room**

**6:45 refreshments 7:20 announcements followed by speaker**

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