

Wildlife in streams

Topics covered

- River pollution
- Effects of pollution on wildlife
- · Spotting signs of pollution

Objectives

- Understand how rivers become polluted
- · Communicate the importance of unpolluted water to wildlife
- Stimulate interest in local wildlife

Learning outcomes

- · Understand how our rivers become polluted
- How to spot signs of pollution
- Know about why the otter has returned to many of our streams
- · Appreciate the effect this pollution has on the local wildlife

Activities

- Spot the signs of pollution
- · Who eats whom?
- Food webs

Suggested approach

Discuss how our rivers become polluted. You could link this to the Water treatment sheets. Ask who knows anything about otters. Where would you find these?