

River Otters of South Florida

**ROSF**



# **Otter Sightings**

## **Roadway Mortality Sightings in Florida**

### **What is Considered a River Otter Roadway Mortality Sighting**

A river roadway mortality is considering a sighting when an individual observes a dead river otter(s) on, along, or near a roadway anywhere in the state of Florida. By completing and submitting a River Otter Roadway Mortality Sighting form you have also reported a River Otter Sighting provided your particular sighting occurred in South Florida.

#### **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY**

Numerous small to medium-sized mammals are struck by motorized vehicles in south Florida. Some of the most commonly seen mammals killed on roadways include: squirrels, rabbits, opossum, armadillos, raccoons, and domestic dogs, and cats. An occasional mink might be seen. If you wish to ensure the animal you saw was a river otter you will need to safely park your vehicle, get out the vehicle, and get close enough to the dead animal to confirm it's a river otter. It is very important that you confirm the animal is an otter. If you are not 100% certain send a photo along with your completed report.

It cannot be expressed strongly enough that the animal is confirmed as a river otter. An erroneous report(s) will impact the accuracy of the river otter mortality information being gathered to help reduce river otter roadway mortalities. (Victor L. Camp)

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