

Finch and the Forest Fairies

River Otter Fun Facts

ANSWER KEY

- Otters like Olive are North **American** river otters.
- They are different from their cousins, **sea** otters, who rarely come on shore.
- They have long muscular bodies and a powerful **tail**.
- Their hind feet are **webbed**.
- River otters are strong **swimmers** and can swim 6-7 miles per hour (mph).
- They can close their **ears** and **nostrils** when they dive.
- They can dive up to 60 **feet** under water and stay under for over 4 minutes!
- Fast on land, they can run and **slide** up to 15 mph.
- River otters live in cozy **dens** near the water.
- River otters enjoy all kinds of **aquatic** foods like fish, snails, mussels, frogs and more.
- Baby river otters are called **pups**.
- Just like Olive, river otters are very **playful** and social.