

# British Rivers - Wildlife



Below are 10 mammals that live along British waterways, can you unjumble all 10? Use the clues to help you.

**1. TERWA LOEV** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures have round noses and deep brown fur. They eat waterside plants and stems and live in burrows within the banks of rivers.

**2. TOTRE** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures can live both on land and in water and mainly eat fish. They have a thick coat which allows them to keep warm even in very cold water and webbed feet. They can remain under water for up to 4 minutes.

**3. ESMUOROD** -Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures are nocturnal and can spend up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their life asleep. Their diet consists of hazelnuts, berries and insects. They have a thick furry tail and large black eyes.

**4. REAH** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures have long ears with black tips, a white underbelly and tail and big eyes on either side of their head. They can run at speeds of up to 35mph and enjoy a diet of plants, crops, berries, fungi and roots.

**5. BEDRGA** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These nocturnal creatures live in groups in underground tunnels called setts. They have black faces, white markings a light underbelly. Their diet mainly consists of earth worms. They have poor eyesight but an amazing sense of smell and excellent hearing.

**6. SATOT** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures are mainly brown in the summer but can turn white in the winter, the tip of their tail is always black. They are predators that eat birds, reptiles and small mammals. They are mostly nocturnal but are known to move around in the daytime.

**7. DOWO MOSUE** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures are small mammals that have a light brown coat and big ears and eyes. They eat seeds, berries and insects. They are one of the most common small mammals in the UK.

**8. LEAWES** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures can adapt to live in many different places. They have long, thin bodies which allow them to hunt for mice and other creatures in their underground burrows.

**9. OXF** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures have a reddish-brown coat, pointed ears and a bushy tail. They are usually seen hunting at dawn and dusk and are mainly known to eat poultry. They live together in groups in a den.

**10. BTIABR** – Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Clues: These creatures usually have grey hair and white bellies with fluffy tails. Their diet consists of grasses, bark, and crops. They have long ears to alert them of any danger.

## Answers:

1. Water vole
2. Otter
3. Dormouse
4. Hare
5. Badger
6. Stoat
7. Wood Mouse
8. Weasel
9. Fox
10. Rabbit