

FISHING IN THE RIVER

Otters on the

The river Towy is now highly populated by otters. In the last century they were affected by harmful pesticides and were also nearly hunted to extinction. Carmarthen had Otter Hunts throughout the year. The success of the otter recovery is impacting on inland fishing.

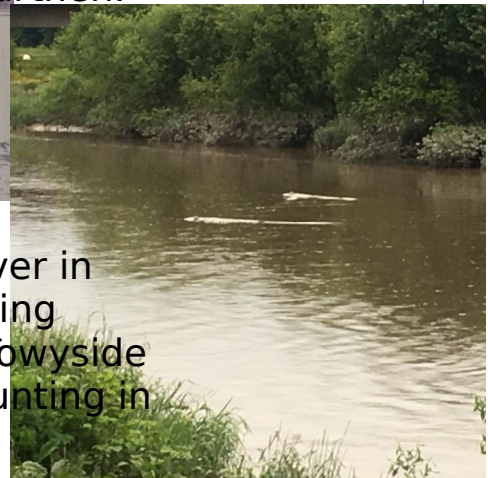


For most otters, fish is the staple of their diet. There are stories that otters 'kill for fun' but otters only kill to eat. Sometimes they will take bits out of more than one fish resulting in seaweed!



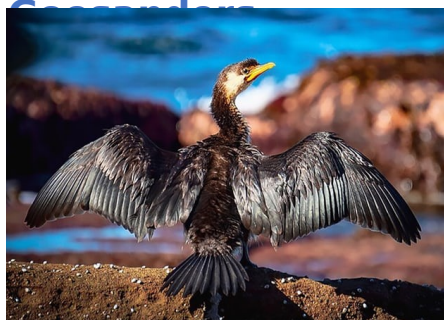
Seals on the Towy

Grey seals although mainly living on the coast or in harbours are regularly seen in the Towy, even upstream of Carmarthen.



They will come up the river in pursuit of any fish including salmon and sewin. The Towyside seals sometimes seen hunting in pairs for their supper.

Cormorants and Goosanders



Cormorants and Goosanders both feed almost entirely on fish. Salmon and sea trout are their main prey.

Hérons



Hérons live and feed close to the River Towy.