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# Supporting Conservation - One Otter Sighting at a Time

River Otter Ecology Project

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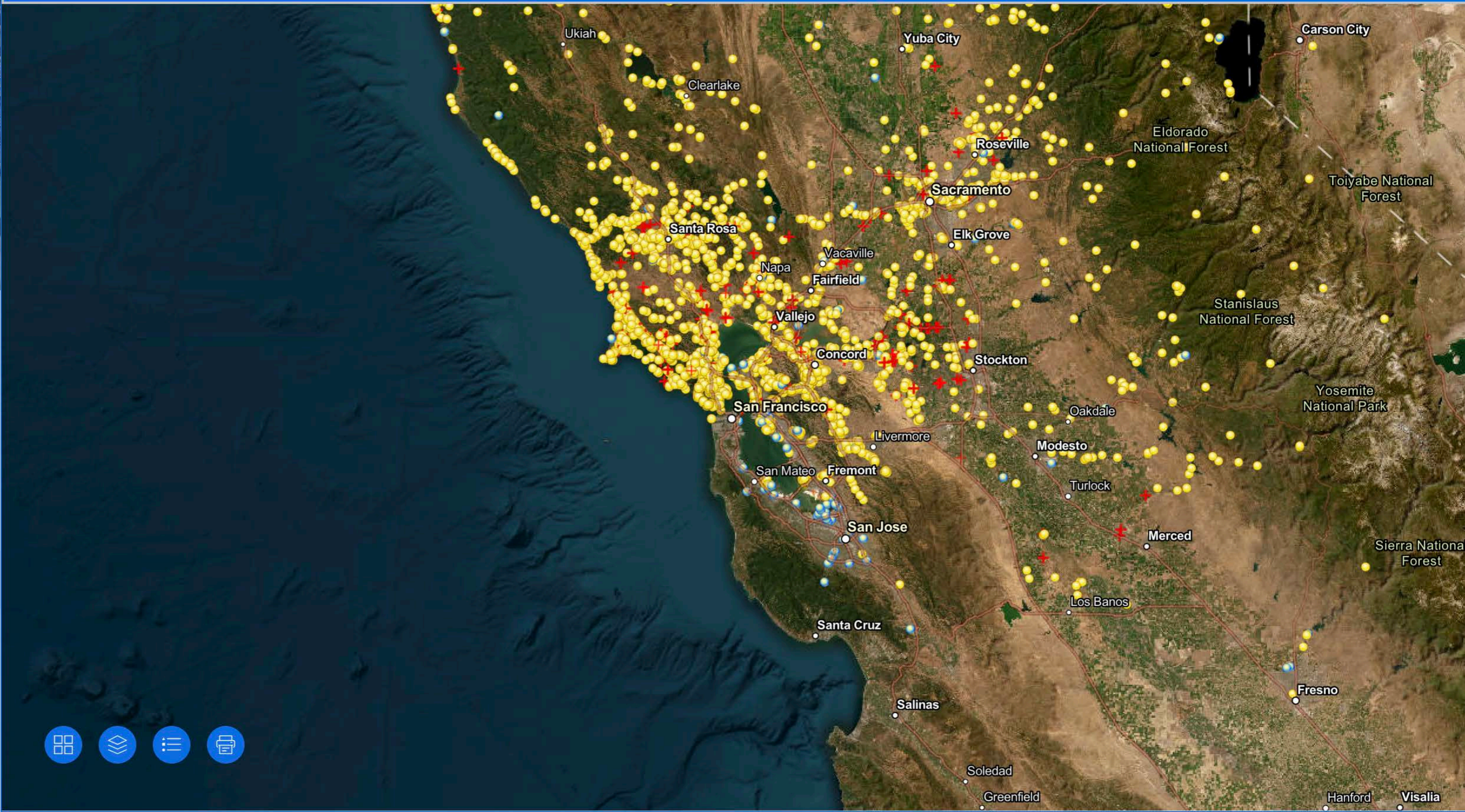
## Why Otter Spotter?

Imagine standing on the bank of a creek in the rain, watching four otters hunt enthusiastically up and down the reach, nosing into every crevice. They raise their heads to crunch crawdads one after another, make chirping contact calls as they go, then roll around the shore scent-marking. They keep an eye on us, but don't leave. We are quiet, thrilled to see these elusive animals.

Shortly after that day, we discovered that otters were officially considered non-occurring not only in that creek, but in most of the San Francisco Bay Area. We set out to find, document, and update the river otter range map using community science. We understood that river otters, highly attractive animals of great interest to many, could help to focus attention on improving habitat.

Otter Spotter crowdsources otter sightings. An Otter Spotter is someone

## Bay Area Otter Sightings



River Otter Sightings		River Otter Sighting Reports						
Description		Notes						
2 River Otters - Redwood Creek, Muir Woods National Monument		Submitted by Anya Pamplona, WildCare Education Coordinator						
1 River Otter - Larkspur		By Sherrill Flint: The otter was swimming in the water and then came up on our boat dock ...						
2 River Otters - Tinsley Island, Stockton		By Steven Painter: Swimmin They were within 20 - 30ft o Did not see the otters leave the water. They swam through the slough and headed back int...						
		By Sherrill Flint: The otter was swimming in the water and then came up on our boat dock and rolled on its back from side to side. He (she?) then slid back into the creek. By the time I got my camera, it was out of sight. 						