

The male is generally larger, and its spots bigger than those of the female. The flesh of the leming is horrid food, and their skins, though covered with a very beautiful fur, is of too little consistence to be serviceable.

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THEVET says, “ the Saricovienne, or Sea Otter, is found by the sides of the river Plata ; it is an amphibious animal, and lives as much in the water as upon land ; it is full as large as a cat, its skin is a very dark grey, nearly black, and is extremely soft ; its feet are webbed like those of water fowls ; and its flesh is very good, and even delicate.”

Naturalists do not seem to have been acquainted with this animal, nor to have known that the *carigucibeju* of Brasil, which is certainly the same, had membranes between the toes, for Marcgrave, who has given a description of it; totally omits this essential character. I am also of opinion that the *guachi*, mentioned by Gumilla, which is a species of otter in
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