

The small mammals of Jersey

Bank vole

Myodes glareolus ssp. *caesarius*



Size: Up to 11 cm (adults), tail up to 7 cm.

Appearance: Reddish / chestnut-brown coat with light cream to dark silvery-grey underneath. A short tail approximately half the length of the body. The nose is blunt and it has small eyes and ears.

Distribution and habitats: Occurs in mature deciduous woodland, hedgerows, banks, heathland, grassland parks and gardens. It nests underground.



Wood mouse

Apodemus sylvaticus



Size: Up to 10 cm (adults), tail up to 9.5 cm.

Appearance: Brown coat with paler cream underside. Occasionally has a yellowy tinge to the flanks. A long tail with hairs which make it appear dark on top and lighter underneath. Large bulging eyes, large ears and large rear legs make it easy to distinguish from the bank vole.

Distribution and habitats: Occurs in woodland, arable land, scrub, dunes, heathland, hedgerows, and can also be found using dry stone walls, gardens and urban parks.



Lesser white-toothed shrew

Crocidura suaveolens



Size: Up to 8 cm (adults), tail up to 4.5 cm.

Appearance: Grey coat but can be reddish-brown. Paler underneath with short dense fur. Tail is roughly the same length as the body (excluding the head). This shrew has a small slender body with a long pointed snout and long fine whiskers. It has small head, rounded ears and white teeth.

Distribution and habitats: Occurs in coastal and grassy edge habitats as well as dry bracken, heathland, dune, coastal scrub, hedgerows and gardens. It often uses the burrows of other mammals but can also make its own, and builds its nest in thick grass or under debris.



Millet's, common or French shrew

Sorex coronatus

Size: Up to 8 cm (adults), tail up to 4.5 cm.

Appearance: It has a rich brown coat with paler cream sides and underneath. There is an obvious distinction on the flanks where the two colours meet. The fur is short and dense. Its tail is short; approximately equivalent to its body length (excluding the head). Its snout is pointed with whiskers and its eyes are small.

Distribution and habitats: Occurs in heathland, scrubland, hedgerows, unmown meadows, marshes and deciduous woodlands. It often uses the burrows of other mammals and builds its nest out of grass and leaves.



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