

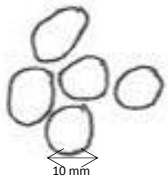
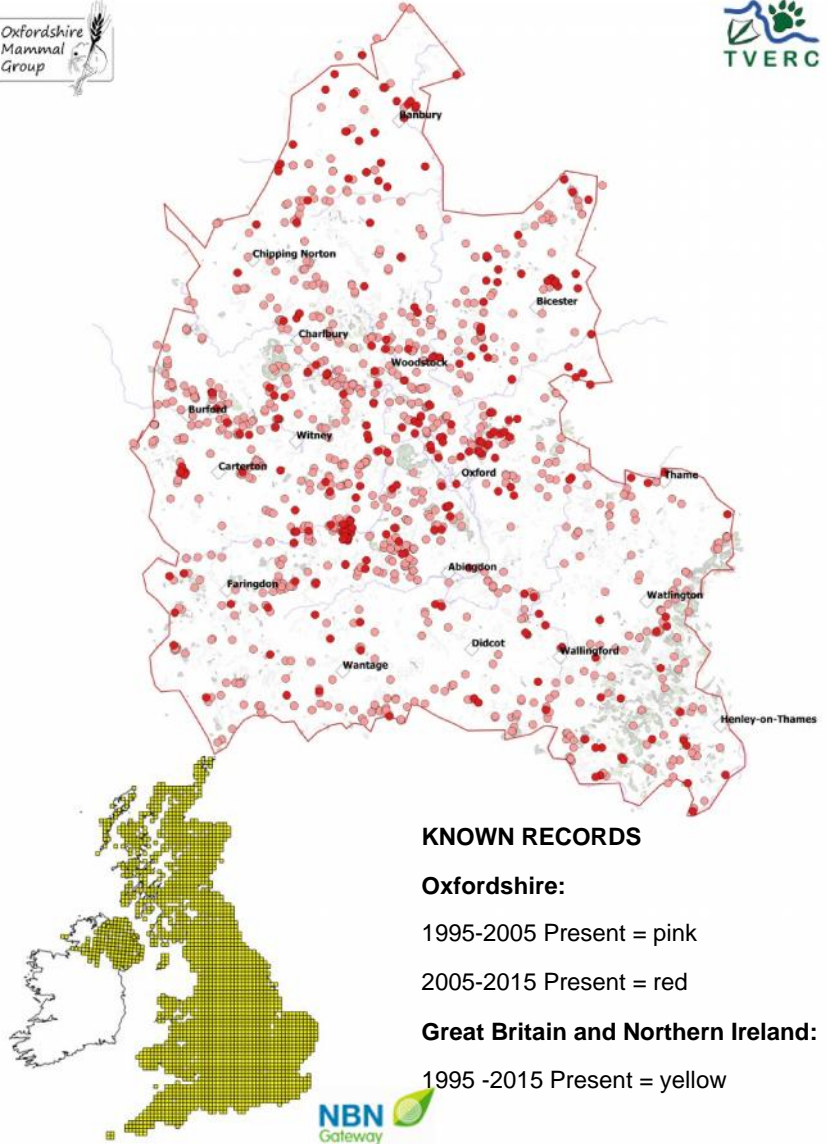


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| European Rabbit | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> |  <p>Peter Newbold</p> | |
| Description: Grey-brown fur with characteristic cotton tail (white with black upper side). Ears same size as head. Dark brown eyes. | | Field Signs Footprints: Very distinctive by the position of their feet. Long hind legs are parallel and the fore feet are often between them. Hare tracks are larger than rabbits' and the difference between the fore and hind prints is larger. Hindfoot length 90 mm.  | |
| | | Droppings: Found scattered across their range; can be very densely distributed. 10mm in diameter and yellowish/brown-green. Smell of freshly mown hay.  | |
| Burrows: Warrens often have numerous entrances with 8-20 cm entrances (normally 10cm). Entrances may be wider but narrows quickly. | | Diet: Wide range of vegetation especially grasses. Favours young shoots. Habitat: Woodland, moorland, farmland, grassland, roadside verges. | |
| Lifespan: Up to 3 years. | |  <p>KNOWN RECORDS</p> <p>Oxfordshire:</p> <p>1995-2005 Present = pink</p> <p>2005-2015 Present = red</p> <p>Great Britain and Northern Ireland:</p> <p>1995 -2015 Present = yellow</p> | |
| Breeding: January to August, producing one litter (3-7 kittens) a month. Can start reproducing at 3.5 months old. | | | |
| UK Conservation Status: Introduced. Common and widespread. Oxfordshire: Common and widespread. Legislation: Not currently protected. | | | |
| Don't confuse with: Brown hare: Much larger, more upright, with more powerful back-legs. Rabbits are more brown-grey than hares and will normally be found in groups. Rabbits have brown eyes, hares' are more amber coloured. | | | |