

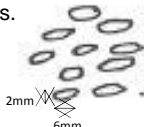




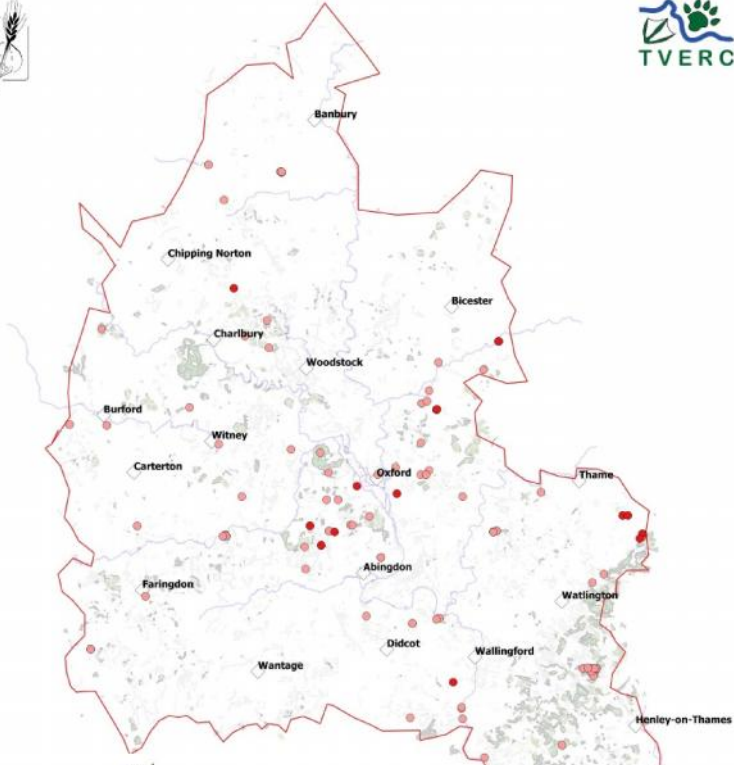




Wood Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>		
Description: Sandy brown fur with pale grey underside and a long tail. Protruding eyes and large ears. Tail dark and hairy. Does not have yellow V-shaped collar across the neck which distinguishes the yellow-necked mouse, but may have a smaller neck-tie of yellow that does not reach all the way around. Head and body length 8-11cm, tail length 7-11cm. Adults 13-27g.		Hazel nuts: Woodmice leave teeth marks both on inner rim of the nut (like the edge of a pound coin) and also on the surface, around the edge of the hole. 	
Field Signs	Droppings: Rounded in section; usually brown-black but vary with diet. Hard when dry (doesn't crumble). Slight smell of ammonia. Less uniform and regular than voles. 		Footprints: Forefoot approximately 10mm, hindfoot up to 20mm. 
Nest: Often underground but occasionally in nest boxes or tree cavities. When fresh, the nests comprise a loose mass of dead brown leaves that becomes reduced to an untidy carpet in the bottom of a nest box or tree hole. 		Diet: Seeds, buds, green plants, fungi, fruits and invertebrates. Will cache food.	
Lifespan: Up to 2 years.		<div>   </div>  <div> KNOWN RECORDS Oxfordshire: 1995-2005 Present = pink 2005-2015 Present = red Great Britain and Northern Ireland: 1995-2015 Present = yellow </div>  <div>  </div>	
Breeding: Litters of 2-11 young from February to October, although can continue overwinter if suitable food sources. Babies born blind and hairless and weigh about 2.8g.			
UK Conservation Status: Native. Common and widespread. Oxfordshire: Common and widespread. Legislation: Not currently protected.			
Don't confuse with: Harvest mouse: Much smaller than wood mouse. Golden-brown on top with pale grey-white underside. Yellow-necked mouse: Longitudinal yellow band around neck (main distinguishing feature). Slightly larger than the wood mouse, with proportionately slightly larger eyes and ears. Paler grey underside than wood mouse. House mouse: Grey-brown fur all over, usually no contrast between top and underside. Wood mice have larger ears. Dormouse: Orange-yellow coat on top with yellow underside and white on throat. Voles: Voles have a more rounded muzzle than mice, with smaller eyes and smaller, more subtle ears that are often covered by fur. Mice eyes and ears are large. Voles often have shorter			