

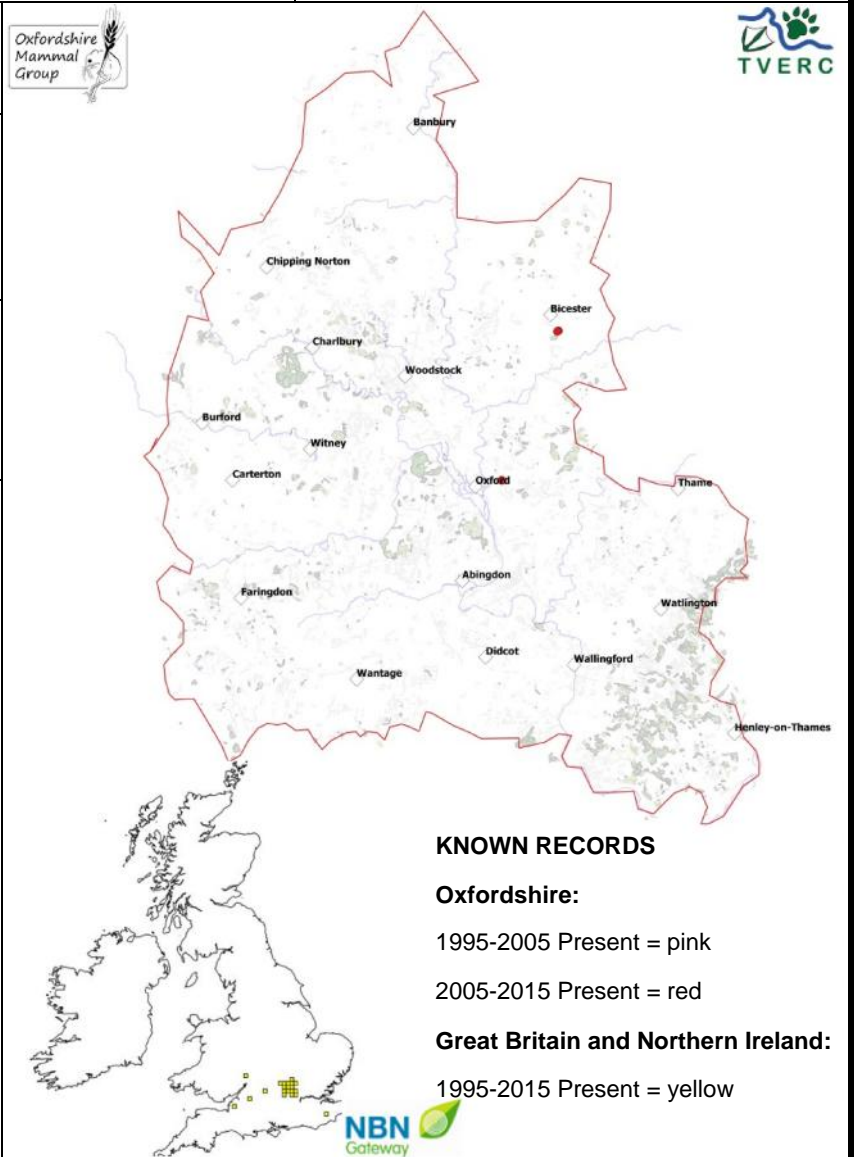


Edible Dormouse	<i>Glis glis</i>		
Description: Grey fur with a whitish belly. Bushy tail similar to squirrel but smaller. Large bulging black eyes with a dark ring of fur surrounding them.			
Field Signs			
Tree damage: Will chew bark and strip areas of bark from trees.	Nest: Not elaborate, normally made from mosses and fibres. Usually tucked away in holes in trees or walls, so not obvious.		
Diet: Feeds mostly in trees on nuts, fruits, and buds.		Habitat: Woodland and large dense hedgerows. Will hibernate underground or in buildings.	
Lifespan: 2-3 years. Have been recorded to live up to 12 years in wild.			
Breeding: Late June to mid-August. Will not reproduce every year depending on food resource. Have litters of up to 11 young.			
UK Conservation Status: Non-native. Common in Chilterns. Oxfordshire: Rare but possibly spreading. Legislation: Invasive non-native (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 9i).			
Don't confuse with: Grey squirrel: Much larger and looks more multi-coloured (compared to very grey dormouse). Tails are also darker on squirrel.			