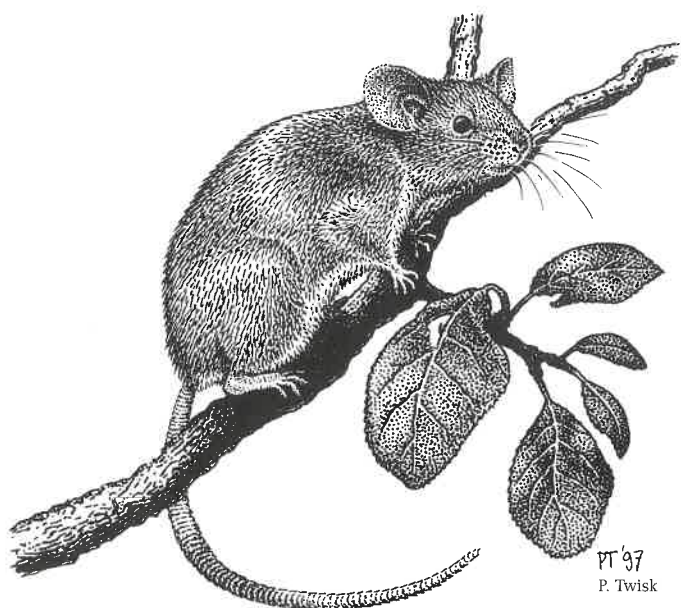


# *Mus spretus* LATASTE, 1883



## Distribution

**World:** south-western Europe and North Africa from Morocco to Libya.

**Europe:** occurs in southern France, Iberian Peninsula and the Balearic Islands.

## Geographic variation

In general, this species exhibits a low level of genetic variation. Furthermore, French and Spanish populations have lower diversity of mitochondrial DNA than African ones, suggesting that the European mice have undergone a bottleneck in population size during the colonization of Europe.

## Habitat

Limited to the Mediterranean climatic zone. It occurs in countryside below 1 000 m, such as grasslands, maquis, and woodlands adjacent to corn fields. This species avoids buildings except for a few cases from Spain. Sympatric but not syntopic with *M. domesticus*.

## Population status

Common throughout the range. Reproduction almost during the whole year, with two peaks, in April and August; mean litter size 5–6. Population densities ca. 3–12 ind./ha (average 7.6 ind./ha).

## Algerian mouse

AL	-	LT	-
BG	-	LU	-
CZ	Myš střeozemní	LV	-
DE	Heckenhausemaus	MK	-
DK	-	MT	-
EE	-	NL	Algerijnse muis
ES	Ratón moruno	NO	Algerihusmus
FI	Algeriankotihiiiri	PL	Mysz algierska
FO	-	PT	Rato-das-hortas; Ratinho-ruivo
FR	Souris d'Afrique du Nord	RO	-
GR	-	RU	-
HR	Zapadnomediteranski kućni miš	SE	-
HU	-	SI	Pirenejska hišna miš
IR	-	SK	-
IS	-	TR	-
IT	Topolino algerino	YU	-

## International legal & conservation status

None.

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