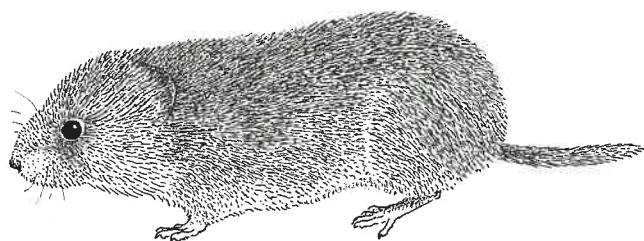


Microtus agrestis (LINNAEUS, 1761)



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Distribution

World: Palaearctic species, ranging from western Europe to Lake Baikal.

Europe: throughout the continent, except Ireland, southern Europe, the lowlands of central and most of south-eastern Europe and northernmost Russia.

Geographic variation

About seven subspecies are considered valid in Europe, differing in the body size, coat coloration and dental pattern, particularly in the first upper molar.

Habitat

Moist habitats with rich grass cover, woodlands, marshes, peat-bogs, wet meadows, river banks. Builds underground burrow system with spherical nest.

Population status

Common within the distribution range, except in marginal areas in western and central Europe where it may be locally rare. The population density fluctuates markedly with a cycle of approximately four years.

International legal & conservation status

None.

Field vole

AL	-	LU	Kleng Wullmaus
BG	Тъмна полевка	LV	Tumšā strupaste;
CZ	Hraboš mokřadní		Krūmāju strupaste
DE	Erdmaus	MK	-
DK	Markmus	MT	-
EE	Niidu-uruhiir	NL	Aardmuis
ES	Topillo agreste	NO	Markmus
FI	Peltomyyrä	PL	Nornik bury
FO	Hagamús	PT	Rato-do-campo-de-rabo-curto
FR	Campagnol agreste	RO	Șoarecele de pământ
GR	-	RU	Тёмная полёвка
HR	Livadna voluharica	SE	Åkersork
HU	Csalitjárom pocok	SI	Travniška voluharica
IR	-	SK	Hraboš močiarny
IS	Engjastúfa	TR	-
IT	Arvicola agreste	YU	Ливадска волухарица
LT	Pievinis pelėnas		

Other information

Can damage pastures, young forestry plantations or orchards in peak years.

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