

ARVICOLA (HESPEROMYS) TEXANA.—WOODHOUSE.

CHARACTERS.

Smaller than Mus leucopus, head shorter and more blunt, ears smaller and more round, brown above, and white, inclining to yellowish, beneath.

SYNONYME.

HESPEROMYS TEXANA.—Woodhouse, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phila., 1853, p. 242.

DESCRIPTION.

Head large, blunt. Eyes prominent, and dark brown. Ears large, erect, roundish, oval, blunt, sparsely covered outwardly with short adpressed brown hairs, inwardly with grey. Thumb of fore-feet a tubercle, furnished with a long blunt nail, two middle toes the longest, subequal. Hind-feet furred, with the exception of the sole. Whiskers long.

COLOUR.

Hair dark cinereous above, tipped with pale brown, and dusky, so as to have rather a mottled appearance; beneath white inclining to yellowish; the two colours, that is to say above and beneath, tolerably distinctly separated from each other in a straight line. Tail above brown, beneath white; nose mixed brown and grey, or pale brown. Whiskers black and grey; legs white on their inner surface only, feet white, the hairs projecting over the nails.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.
Total length from tip of nose to root of tail, - - -	$2\frac{1}{6}$
“ “ of tail, - - - - -	$2\frac{1}{6}$
“ “ of head, - - - - -	$1\frac{1}{6}$
Height of ear, - - - - -	$\frac{4}{10}$
Breadth of ear, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{10}$
Fore-legs, - - - - -	1
Hind-legs, - - - - -	$1\frac{6}{10}$

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

Western Texas.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I procured this little animal on the Rio Grande near El Paso, whilst attached to the party under the command of Captain L. SITGREAVES, U. S. Topographical Engineers, on our way to explore the Zuni and Colorado rivers. Of its habits I know nothing. My attention was called to this animal by Major LE CONTE, who has been for some time engaged in the study of the mice of our country. (WOODHOUSE.)



Audubon, John James and Bachman, John. 1854. "Arvicola (Hesperomys) texana." *The quadrupeds of North America* 3, 319–320.

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