ARVICOLA OCCIDENTALIS.—PEALE.

WESTERN ARVICOLA.

A. Pilis mollissimis et tenuissimis, extremitatibus superioribus rufis sine ulla nigri admistione, auribus sub-pilis occultis. Cauda, sub-compressa, supra et subtus concolore rufa.

CHARACTERS.

Hair very soft and fine ; ears concealed under the fur, hairy only on the outside. Tail slightly compressed, reddish coloured above and beneath.

SYNONYMES.

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DESCRIPTION.

Ears round, entirely concealed under the fur, hairy only on the outside, antitragus rather short; head blunt; feet covered with short, lustrous hair; thumb tubercle with a compressed, sharp nail. Tail slightly compressed.

COLOUR.

Hair dark plumbeous, above tipped with bright rufous without any admixture of black: beneath grey, hair on the feet rufous. Tail rufous, both above and below. Incisors pale yellow.

DIMENSIONS.

							Inches.
Length of head and body,	-	-	-	-	-	-	$4\frac{3}{10}$
“ tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	$2\frac{1}{10}$
“ hair beyond tail vertebræ,	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{2}{10}$
“ hind foot,	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{5}{10}$
“ fore “ (from wrist to end of toes),	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{5}{10}$
“ head,	-	-	-	-	-	-	$1\frac{2}{10}$

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