

DIDELPHIS CALIFORNICA.—BENNETT.

SYNONYME.

DIDELPHIS CALIFORNICA.—Bennett, Zool. Proc. for 1833, p. 40.

DESCRIPTION.

Body above brownish black, intermediate in size between *Didelphis Virginianus* and *D. Breviceps*, head much longer than that of *D. Breviceps*, ears and legs longer, the inner toe on the hind-foot much the longest.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.	Lines.
From nose to root of tail, - - - - -	14	
Tail, - - - - -	13	9
From ear to point of nose, - - - - -	3	11
Tarsus, - - - - -	2	2
Height of ear posteriorly, - - - - -	1	9

GENERAL REMARKS.

The description given of the colours of *D. Breviceps* will, in most respects, apply to the present. The long white hairs interspersed throughout the fur, the black line running through the eye, and the black feet and legs, would lead to the supposition that the species were identical.

But there are, notwithstanding, many striking marks of difference. The inner toe of the present species is much larger and far separated from the second, which at first sight seems to be united by a web.

The animal is also more lightly coloured.

Brought by DOUGLAS from that portion of California nearest to Mexico. (BENNETT.)



Audubon, John James and Bachman, John. 1854. "Didelphis californica." *The quadrupeds of North America* 3, 331–331. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.322397>.

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