DIPDOMYS AGILIS.—GAMBEL.

CHARACTERS.

Tail brownish, with an indistinct whitish vitta on each side ; outer third to tip nearly uniform pale brown.

SYNONYMES.

DIPDOMYS AGILIS.—Gambel, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phila., vol. iv., p. 77.

“ “ Dr. Le Conte, “ “ vol. vi., p. 224.

DESCRIPTION.

In the upper jaw the incisors are divided by a longitudinal furrow ; head elongated, tapering from the ears to a sharp point ; ears nearly round, sparsely hairy ; eyes large ; a large pouch on each side of the head opening externally on the cheeks. Both hind and fore-feet with four toes and a rudiment of a fifth. Hind-legs very long ; tail strong, very slender, covered with hair, and ending in a penicillated tuft.

Two incisors and eight molars in both upper and lower jaws.

COLOUR.

Above, yellowish brown mixed with dusky ; beneath, pure white, extending half way up the sides ; eyes dark brown.

DIMENSIONS.

								Inches.
Total length, including the tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10½
Length of tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6½

HABITS.

This beautiful Jerboa-like animal is abundant in the vineyards and cultivated fields of the Pueblo de los Angeles, Upper California. Like the other pouched animals it forms extensive burrows, traversing the fields in different directions, and is only to be dislodged during the process of irrigation. It leaps with surprising agility, sometimes the distance of ten feet or more at a spring, and is difficult to capture. (GAMBEL.)

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