

## Key to Small Mammals of New Hampshire

- 1) Wings present.....2  
 Wings absent.....3
  
- 2) Body larger (4-5").....**Big brown bat**  
 Body smaller (3-3.75").....**Little brown bat**
  
- 3) Body larger (>5"), tail bushy.....12  
 Body larger (>5"), tail scale-like.....14  
 Body smaller (≤5"), tail scale-like or with fine fur.....4
  
- 4) Ears large, eyes prominent.....5  
 Ears small or non-apparent, eyes reduced.....6
  
- 5) Fur bi/tricolor, tail longer than body, hind feet long.....7  
 Fur bicolor or uniform, tail shorter than body, hind feet short.....8
  
- 6) Eyes beadlike or non-apparent, nose pointed, all feet with 5 toes.....9  
 Eyes apparent, nose more rounded, front feet with four toes.....10
  
- 7) Fur - dark back, orange sides and white belly,  
 tail white-tipped.....**Woodland jumping mouse**  
 Fur - dark back, orange sides and white belly,  
 tail uniformly dark .....**Meadow jumping mouse**
  
- 8) Fur bicolor, tail distinctly bicolor or darker above.....11  
 Fur uniform, tail color uniform.....**House mouse**
  
- 9) Body 4 ½ - 5", nose fleshy, front feet as broad as long.....**Starnose mole**  
 Body 3 - 4", nose non-fleshy, front and rear feet similar .....**Shorttail shrew**
  
- 10) Body 3 ½ - 5", dark brown back .....**Meadow vole**  
 Body 3 ½ - 4", distinctly reddish back .....**Boreal redback vole**
  
- 11) Tail distinctly bicolor .....**Deer mouse**  
 Tail dark above, slightly lighter below .....**White-footed mouse**
  
- 12) Loose skin present between fore and hind limbs.....**No. flying squirrel**  
 Loose skin absent between fore and hind limbs.....13
  
- 13) Length 8-12", facial/side/back white and black stripes.....**Eastern chipmunk**  
 Length 10-15", red back, grey-white belly.....**Red squirrel**  
 Length 16-20", grey back, white belly.....**Grey squirrel**
  
- 14) Buffy gray back, white belly, large eyes.....**Eastern Woodrat**  
 Brownish-grey back, grey belly, small eyes.....**Norway Rat**