



British Shrew ID – Scarce Shrews

The ID of these species can largely be determined by location

Millet's Shrew (Crowned Shrew) -

Sorex coronatus

ID Features:- Similar to common shrew but a little smaller, tricolour in appearance, dark brown to grey on top, pale brown sides with pale underbelly. Thin pointed nose, small eyes and ears. The top jaw / nose is proportionally longer than common shrew.

Size:- 62-80mm, tail approx. 60% of body

Weight:- 7-12g

Distribution:- Only on Jersey where Common Shrew is absent



Tricolour

Greater White toothed - *Crocidura russula*

ID Features:- Reddish Greyish brown fur, light underneath. Long tail with long obvious hairs. Prominent ears, pointed nose. White teeth.

Size:- 60-90mm, tail approx. 50% of body

Weight:- 5-14.5g

Distribution:- Alderney / Guernsey / SE Republic of Ireland



Prominent Ears

Lesser White Toothed Shrew -

Crocidura suaveolens

ID Features:- Reddish Greyish brown fur, light underneath. Long tail with long obvious hairs. Prominent large ears, pointed nose. White teeth.

Size:- 50-75mm, tail approx. 50% of body length

Weight:- 3-7g

Distribution:- Scilly Isles / Jersey and Sark only



Brown fur

Tail Hairs