Stoat / Weasel ID







Stoat - Mustela erminea

ID Features:- Reddish brown to ginger fur above, cream/white fur below. Long tail with black tip. Goes white to partial white in winter in some parts of the UK

Size:- 240-310mm, tail approx. 60% length of body.

Weight:- 140-450g

Distribution:- All of the UK apart from some Scottish islands

Weasel - Mustela nivalis

ID Features:- Ginger upper fur with cream fur below with an undulating border between the two. Very short tail NO black tip to tail.

Size:- 175-220mm, tail approx. 20% length of body.

Weight:- 60-130g

Distribution:- All of the UK apart from some Scottish islands



How to separate

Size:- Stoat is the size of a stretched baby rabbit, and a weasel is the size of a stretched mouse.

Tail:- Stoat long tail with Black tip, weasel short tail no black tip.

