



British Isles – Small Vole ID

Bank Vole - *Myodes glareolus*

ID Features:- Reddish brown fur above, cream/grey fur below. Long bicoloured tail - dark above, white below. Prominent ears.

Size:- 80-120mm, tail approx. 50% length of body

Weight:- 20-35g

Distribution:- Mainland Britain, SW Ireland, Mull, Jersey.



Long Tail

Prominent Ears

Field Vole (Short Tailed Vole) - *Microtus agrestis*

ID Features:- Reddish/chocolate to grey brown fur above, cream/grey fur below. Can appear very shaggy in appearance. Short tail. Less prominent fur covered ears.

Size:- 90-115mm, tail approx. 30% length of body

Weight:- 20-40g

Distribution:- Mainland Britain, Mull, Skye, Uists and most of the Inner Hebrides



Short Tail

Grey Belly



Reddish Fur

White Belly



Blunt
Nose

Common Vole - *Microtus arvalis*

Present only on Guernsey and most of the Orkney Islands where it is the only vole present (No Photo depicted)

