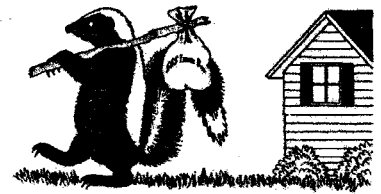


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## DEER MOUSE

<b>Grouping</b>	Seedivore
<b>Nicknames</b>	Field mouse, yard mouse, @\$#@%, attic mouse.
<b>Best Known For</b>	Keeping people up at night due to scratching on walls and ceilings. Stockpiling seeds and nesting materials under outside structures, woodpiles, covered objects, lawnmowers, and in sheds. Invading homes through holes and gaps as small as 3/8". Awful odor related to dead mice in walls.
<b>Life Span</b>	Six months to a year and a half.
<b>Mating Season</b>	Spring through summer with a gestation period of 20 days.
<b>Litter Size</b>	3 to 8.
<b>Litters Per Year</b>	2 to 5. Early litters become sexually mature the same year of birth.
<b>Habitat</b>	Open fields, out buildings, attics, basements, underneath outside debris, abandoned equipment, lawnmowers, etc.
<b>Activity Cycle</b>	Typically, nocturnal and active year round with localized dispersal.
<b>Food</b>	Cherry seeds, sunflower seeds, sorghum, maple seeds, acorns, grass seeds, agricultural crops, grains, house-hold grain based products, birdseed. Horde away large quantities.
<b>Damage Signs</b>	Chewing at areas of entry; nesting material gathered from upholstery, seat cushions, insulation; urine staining – particularly on ceiling tiles; chewed wiring; soiled insulation; fecal matter on flat surfaces.
<b>Treatment</b>	Trapping and sealing the home to stop entry. Poison baits under very limited conditions.
<b>Diseases</b>	Hantavirus, usually contracted when cleaning up mouse fecal matter, urine, and saliva causing the virus to be airborne and breathed in. The "Plague" (fleas associated with rodents spread the plague.)
<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	Deer mice, which are native to Pennsylvania unlike the gray house mouse, which arrived with our forefathers, are deer skin brown with a white belly, slightly furry tail, and very large ears and eyes. 2 to 3 inches in length excluding the tail.