

First Report of the Herb Field Mouse, *Apodemus uralensis* (Pallas, 1811) from Mongolia*

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Abstract

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The herb field mouse, *Apodemus uralensis* (Pallas, 1811) is recorded for the first time in Mongolia, from western part of the Mongolian Altai and the adjacent Mongolian part of the Dzungarian Gobi. In addition, we discovered several additional findings of this species recorded as early as 1976 from different scientific collections. Body and skull measurements are presented along with a molecular genetic analysis of one specimen.

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Introduction

The genus *Apodemus* Kaup, 1829 has had a complicated taxonomic history with a varying and eventful taxonomy during the last few decades (Wilson & Reeder, 2005). So it is hardly

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