

Ground Pest Information

What is the difference between all ground pests?

Here is the breakdown to make it easier to understand all these creatures

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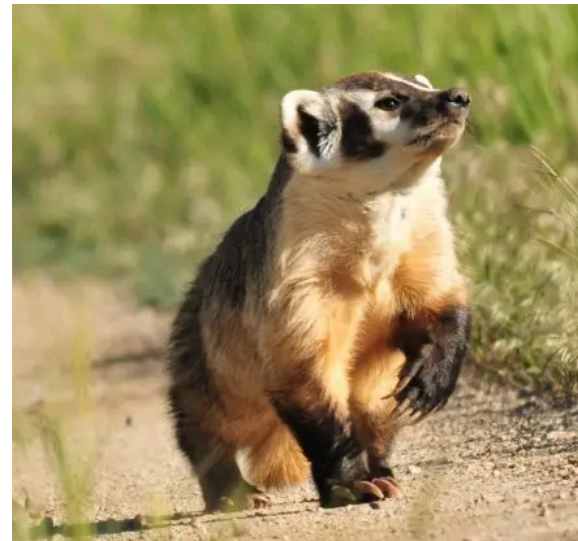
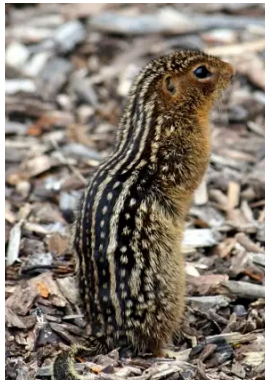


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Reproduction Cycle

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	Reproduce	Justation	Young	Emergae	Go Into	
Badgers	Aug-Sept	6 months	45662	Cubs	dont but 29 hour torpor	
Ground Hog-Marmot	E March-E April	31 days	45666	Pups	males early females later	
Yellow Belly Marmot	May-June	30 days	45724	Pups		
Hoary Marmot	E Feb- May	25-30 days	45693	Pups	7-8 months	
Pocket Gopher	March- mid June	19-20 days	45723	Pups	dont	
Richardson Ground Squirrel	Mid March-Mid April	22 days	45822	Pups	Males in March females a couple weeks later	Males as early as July females & young september
Columbia Ground Squirrel	E Spring	24 days	45695	Pups	Males before Females	for 250 days of the year
Franklan ground squirrel	E Spring-Mid April	28 days	45787	Kits/Pups	march april	late september
13 Linned Ground Squirrel	Mid April	28 days	45730	Pups		males first before females
Pika	E-Mid Spring	30 days	45692	Kits		
Packrat	May-Aug	27-32 days	45722	Pups	dont	
Vole	Year round	17-25 days	45670	Pups	dont	
Ord's Rat	Year round	28-32 days	45663	Pinkies	dont	
Lemming	Year round	2-3 litters/year	45753		dont	

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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(Animalia, 2025)

Eastern Meadow Vole



AKA Field Mouse, Meadow Mouse

Lifespan-1-5 years

Weight-33-65 g

Length-16-18 cm

https://animalia.bio/meadow-vole?custom_list=414



Long-Tailed Vole



AKA San Bernardino Long-tailed Vole

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- 20-85 g

Length- 15-25 cm

https://animalia.bio/long-tailed-vole?custom_list=414

Locations

From as far north as Alaska to the south of Alberta and British Columbia

Prairie Vole



AKA *Microtus Ochrogaster* (small ears, yellow belly)

Lifespan-1-3 years

Weight- 30-70 g

Length-12-18 cm

https://animalia.bio/prairie-vole?custom_list=414



Sagebrush Vole



AKA

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- 17-38 g

Length- 10-16 cm

https://animalia.bio/sagebrush-vole?custom_list=414



Southern Red-Backed Vole



AKA Gapper's Red-backed Vole,

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- 6-42 g

Length- 9-17 cm

https://animalia.bio/southern-red-backed-vole?custom_list=414



Water Vole



<https://fieldguide.mt.gov/speciesDetail.aspx?elcode=AMAFF11190> (Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, 2025)

AKA Vole (Field Mouse)
Largest Vole in North America

Lifespan- unknown years
Weight- 125-178 g
Length- 20-27 cm

https://animalia.bio/water-vole?custom_list=414



Western Heather Vole



(Moskowitz, 2010)

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- 30-50 g

Length- unknown cm

https://animalia.bio/western-heather-vole?custom_list=414



Northern Bog Lemming



(SciFii Wiki, 2025)

<https://factzoo.com/book/voles-lemmings-chubby-herbivore-prey/>

AKA

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- 27-35 g

Length- 12-14 cm

https://animalia.bio/northern-bog-lemming?custom_list=414



American Pika



AKA- Cony, Hay-maker, Mouse-hare, Piping Hare, Rock Rabbit, Rocky Mountain Pika, Southern Pika, Whistling Hare, Little Chief Hare and Ochotona Princeps

Lifespan-3-7 years

Weight-120-180 g

Length-16-22 cm

<https://youtu.be/AicEBRYFTel> (The Nature of Things, 2019)

https://animalia.bio/american-pika?custom_list=414



Giant Pika



(SciFii Wiki, 2025)

AKA Wharton's Pika

Lifespan- unknown years

Weight- unknown g

Length- unknown cm

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Location

Alaska, Alberta and Ontario

Ord's Kangaroo Rat



AKA

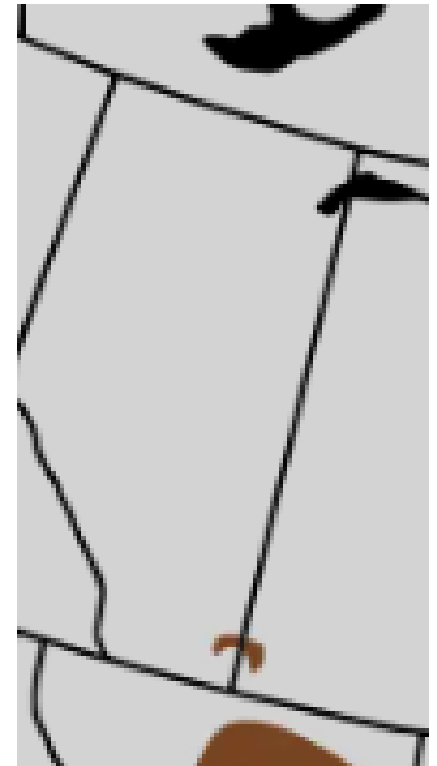
Lifespan-9 years

Weight- 55-96 g

Length-24 cm

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Special areas in Alberta



Bushy-Tailed Woodrat



AKA Woodrat, Packrat, Traderats,

Lifespan-5-6 years

Weight- 210-520 g

Length-28-46 cm

https://animalia.bio/bushy-tailed-woodrat?custom_list=414

Location is from the Arctic of Canada to New Mexico, from the west of British Columbia to the east of the Dakotas and Nebraska.

Northern Pocket Gopher



(says: et al., 2025)

AKA Thomomys Talpoides

Lifespan-1.5-6 years

Weight- 60-160 g

Length-16-26 cm

https://animalia.bio/northern-pocket-gopher?custom_list=414



Thirteen-Lined Ground Squirrel



AKA Thirteen Liner, Thirteen Liner, Striper, Striped Ground Squirrel, Striped Gopher, Gopher, Leopard Ground Squirrel, Squinney, Leopard Spermophile, and Spermophilus (seedlover)

Lifespan-7-8 years

Weight-110-140 g

Length-23-30 cm

<https://youtu.be/mJnZKZkYg0M> (Ivanov, 2020)

https://animalia.bio/thirteen-lined-ground-squirrel?custom_list=414

Southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and down to the Texas Gulf Coast.

Columbian Ground Squirrel



AKA

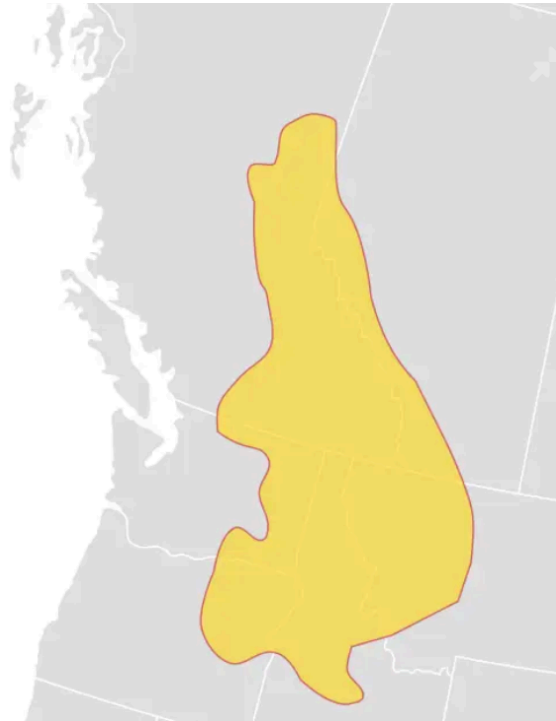
Lifespan-2-3 years

Weight- 340-812 g

Length-33-41 cm

<https://youtu.be/bGO3Lzit9WA> (Causier, 2012)

https://animalia.bio/columbian-ground-squirrel?custom_list=414



Franklin's Ground Squirrel



AKA Bush gopher, Franklin ground squirrel, Gray gopher, Gray ground squirrel, Gray souslik, Gray-cheeked squirrel, Grey American marmot, Line-tailed squirrel, Prairie squirrel, Scrub gopher, *Spermophile de Franklin*, Whistling ground squirrel, Franklin's ground, Whistling Ground Squirrel.

Lifespan-1-5 years

Weight- 320-950 g

Length-36-41 cm

https://animalia.bio/franklins-ground-squirrel?custom_list=414



Richardson's round Squirrel



AKA Dakrat, Flickertail,

Lifespan-1-5 years

Weight- 200-450 g

Length-30 cm

<https://youtu.be/OAKVgY00HDA> (wtspman, 2015)

https://animalia.bio/richardsons-ground-squirrel?custom_list=414



Groundhog



AKA- Whistle Pig, Woodchuck, Groundhog, Chuck, Wood-shock, Groundpig, Whistler, Thickwood Badger, Canada Marmot, Monax, Moonack, Weenusk, Red Monk, Land Beaver, Siffleux and Marmota Monax

Lifespan-3-10 years

Weight-2-4 kg

Length-40-65 cm

<https://youtu.be/UK3pcIIsmfo> (Cleveland Museum of Na

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Yellow-Bellied Marmot



AKA- RockChuck, Whistle Pig, Marmota, Murmont (Mountain Mouse), Flaviventris (yellow belly) and Marmota Flaviventris

Lifespan-3-15 years

Weight-1.6-5 kg

Length-4.7-7 cm

<https://youtu.be/HE2wEYZsdZk> (Moi, 2010)

https://animalia.bio/yellow-bellied-marmot?custom_list=414



Hoary Marmot



AKA- the whistler, whistle pig, *Marmota Caligata*.
Largest of the North American ground squirrels.

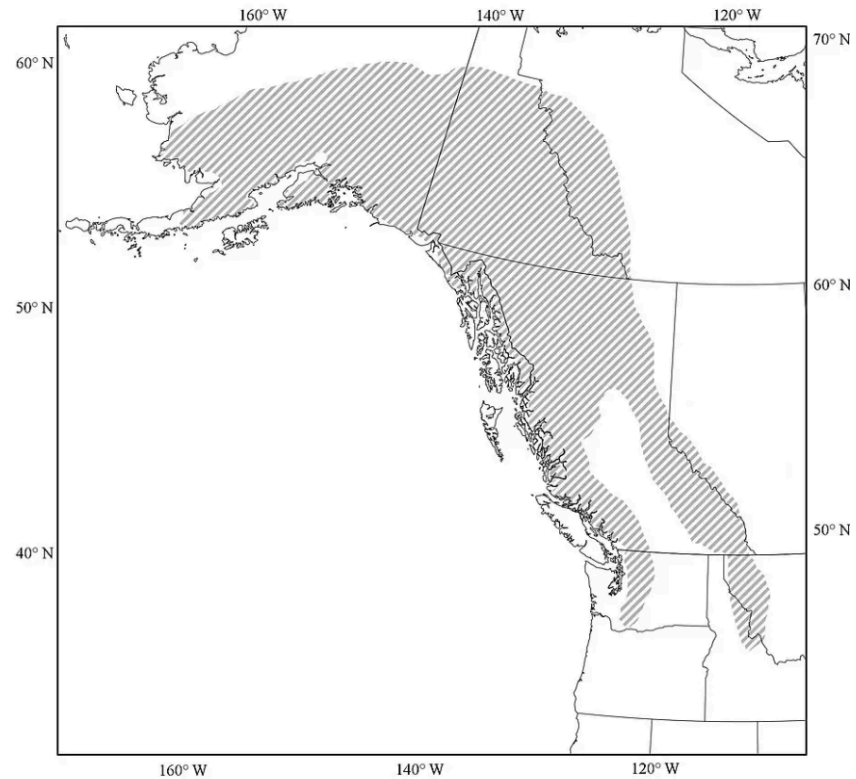
Lifespan-12 years

Weight-3.8-7 kg

Length-62-82 cm

<https://youtu.be/RIqvyGKYnyc> (Ololaiki, 2013)

https://animalia.bio/hoary-marmot?custom_list=414



American Badger



AKA Taxidea Taxus

Lifespan- 9-15years

Weight- 7-9 kg

Length- 60-70 cm

<https://youtu.be/lq1OxdvVboA> (WildFacts, 2023)

<https://animalia.bio/american-badger>



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