

Rodent Identification Chart



Mus domesticus

House Mouse

Characteristics –

Size: Small, its body rarely exceeding two inches long and one ounce in weight.

Colour: Usually grey in colour, but some may appear darker.

Mice are more numerous than rats and are more widespread throughout urban and suburban communities. A mouse can be distinguished from a young **rat** since the rat's head and feet will be overly large in relation to its body.



Rattus norvegicus

Norway Rat

Characteristics –

Size: Larger rodents that may grow to a body length of 10 to 12 inches. Seldom will a **rat** weigh more than one pound.

Colour: Can vary from grey to brown to black.

Norway rats, found throughout the Australia, have a heavier body, smaller eyes and ears, and a shorter tail. Rats are more prevalent in urban and rural areas, and are found in homes less often than mice because of their larger size.



Rattus rattus

Roof Rat

Characteristics –

Size: Larger rodents that may grow to a body length of 10 to 12 inches. Seldom will a **rat** weigh more than one pound.

Colour: Can vary from grey to brown to black.

Found in coastal states, roof rats have long tails, thin bodies, and large eyes and ears. Rats are more prevalent in urban and rural areas, and are found in homes less often than mice because of their larger size.



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