## Brown Rat / Water Vole ID

**Brown Rat** – *Rattus norvegicus* 

**ID Features:**- Reddish/greyish brown shaggy fur. Long scaly tail. Prominent naked ears, Pointed nose.

Size:- 150-270mm, tail approx. 100% of body length

Weight:- 200-600g
Distribution:- All of UK

**Water Vole** - Arvicola terrestris

**ID Features:-** Reddish to black fur. Hairy tail. Smaller rounded ears. Blunt nose.

Size:- 90-115mm, tail approx. 50% length of body

Weight:- 150-300g

**Distribution:**- All of UK apart from some Scottish islands



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