



# British Isles – Small Vole ID

## Bank Vole - *Myodes glareolus*

**ID Features:-** Reddish brown fur above, cream/grey fur below. Long bicoloured tail - dark above, white below. Prominent ears.

**Size:-** 80-120mm, tail approx. 50% length of body

**Weight:-** 20-35g

**Distribution:-** Mainland Britain, SW Ireland, Mull, Jersey.

## Field Vole (Short Tailed Vole) - *Microtus agrestis*

**ID Features:-** Reddish/chocolate to grey brown fur above, cream/grey fur below. Can appear very shaggy in appearance. Short tail. Less prominent fur covered ears.

**Size:-** 90-115mm, tail approx. 30% length of body

**Weight:-** 20-40g

**Distribution:-** Mainland Britain, Mull, Skye, Uists and most of the Inner Hebrides



Long Tail

Prominent Ears



Grey Belly

Short Tail



Reddish Fur

White Belly



Blunt  
Nose

## Common Vole - *Microtus arvalis*

Present only on Guernsey and most of the Orkney Islands where it is the only vole present

