

MAMMAL
SPECIES OF

BRAS D'OR

DEER MOUSE SOURIS SYLVESTRE APUKJI'J



POPULATION:
Least Concern

Deer mice are commonly found in wooded areas or prairies. Their colours range from brown to reddish-grey with a white underbelly. They are primarily herbivorous, and prefer to eat seeds, nuts and berries.

THREAT POSED

Deer mice often move indoors when given the chance, preferring to nest in furniture or mattresses and store their food inside. This can be problematic for humans because some mice carry diseases that can spread through the contamination of household foods.

HISTORY

Deer mice occur in forests and grasslands throughout Canada excluding Newfoundland. In Southern Canada, female deer mice tend to have more frequent, smaller litters in comparison to mice in Northern Canada.

Deer mice have been identified as the primary carriers of Hantavirus. If you see a wild deer mouse or its droppings, avoid disturbing them. The virus is transmitted when virus particles are breathed in, so do your best not to go too close to this species just in case.



FUN FACT!

Mice teeth never stop growing! They grow about 0.3mm per day.



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