

# COMMON SHREW IDENTIFICATION

The common shrew is native and found throughout mainland Britain. It is not found on Ireland, the Outer Hebrides, and Shetland.

Tiny eyes and small ears with a flatter less domed head than pygmy shrew.

Medium sized shrew, with a body length of 5 - 8 cm.

Long pointed snout.



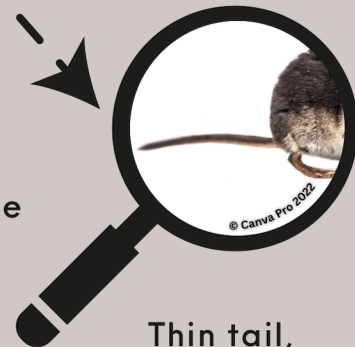
Tri-coloured, with dark brown along the back, pale brown along side and whitish underneath.

If you find a common shrew jaw in an owl pellet it will look like this! The red tips are iron deposits in their enamel and can be easily identified.



Often found in hedgerows, scrub, grassland and deciduous woodland.

Very little hair on tail.



Thin tail, length is 50% of head and body length.



If you're located in Great Britain and think you've identified a Common Shrew then please record it! You can do this using the FREE Mammal Mapper app for ad-hoc sightings or owl pellet analysis, or at MammalWeb for trail camera footage and photographs.

