

# GREATER WHITE-TOOTHED SHREW IDENTIFICATION

Discovered to be on the island of Great Britain in 2022, this shrew is found from Southwestern Europe to Northern Africa.

More prominent ears than other shrew species.



Medium sized shrew, with a body length of 6 - 9 cm. Similar in size to a common shrew.

Long pointed snout.



Dorsal side is a reddish brown colour and underside light greyish brown.

As the name suggests they are identified by their white teeth. This is because they lack the iron deposits in their enamel at the tips of their teeth, unlike other British shrew species.



White teeth from Greater White-toothed Shrew jaw (L). Red teeth from Common Shrew jaw (R).



Distinctive long white hairs on tail.



If you're located in Great Britain and think you've identified a Greater White-toothed 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.

