

# PYGMY SHREW IDENTIFICATION

Widespread throughout British mainland and Ireland. They are also found on the Isle of Man and Outer Hebrides, where common shrews are absent.

Domed head with small ears and very small eyes.

Visibly smaller than the common shrew with a body length of 4 - 6 cm.

Long pointed snout.



If you find a pygmy 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. The pygmy jaw is about 1 cm in length and shorter than the common.



Often found in urban areas and gardens, deciduous and mixed woodland and grasslands.

Medium brown/grey fur on top with 'dirty' white fur on the underneath of their body.



Thicker hairier tail.



Tail length is 70% of head and body length.

