## 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 pgymy 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.



If you're located in Great Britain and think you've identified a Pygmy 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.

