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A NEW SUBSPECIES OF PEROMYSCUS FROM THE
GULF COAST OF LOWER CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

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The species *Peromyscus crinitus* is at present known in Lower California only from suitable and very limited areas on the desert mountains in the northern part of the peninsula. Through the recent purchase of a small collection of mammals from the vicinity of Gonzaga Bay, situated in latitude $29^{\circ} 50'$, on the eastern coast of Lower California, a series of six specimens of an apparently new race of this mouse has been acquired by the San Diego Society of Natural History. This may be known as:

***Peromyscus crinitus pallidissimus* subsp. nov.**

LOWER CALIFORNIA CANYON MOUSE

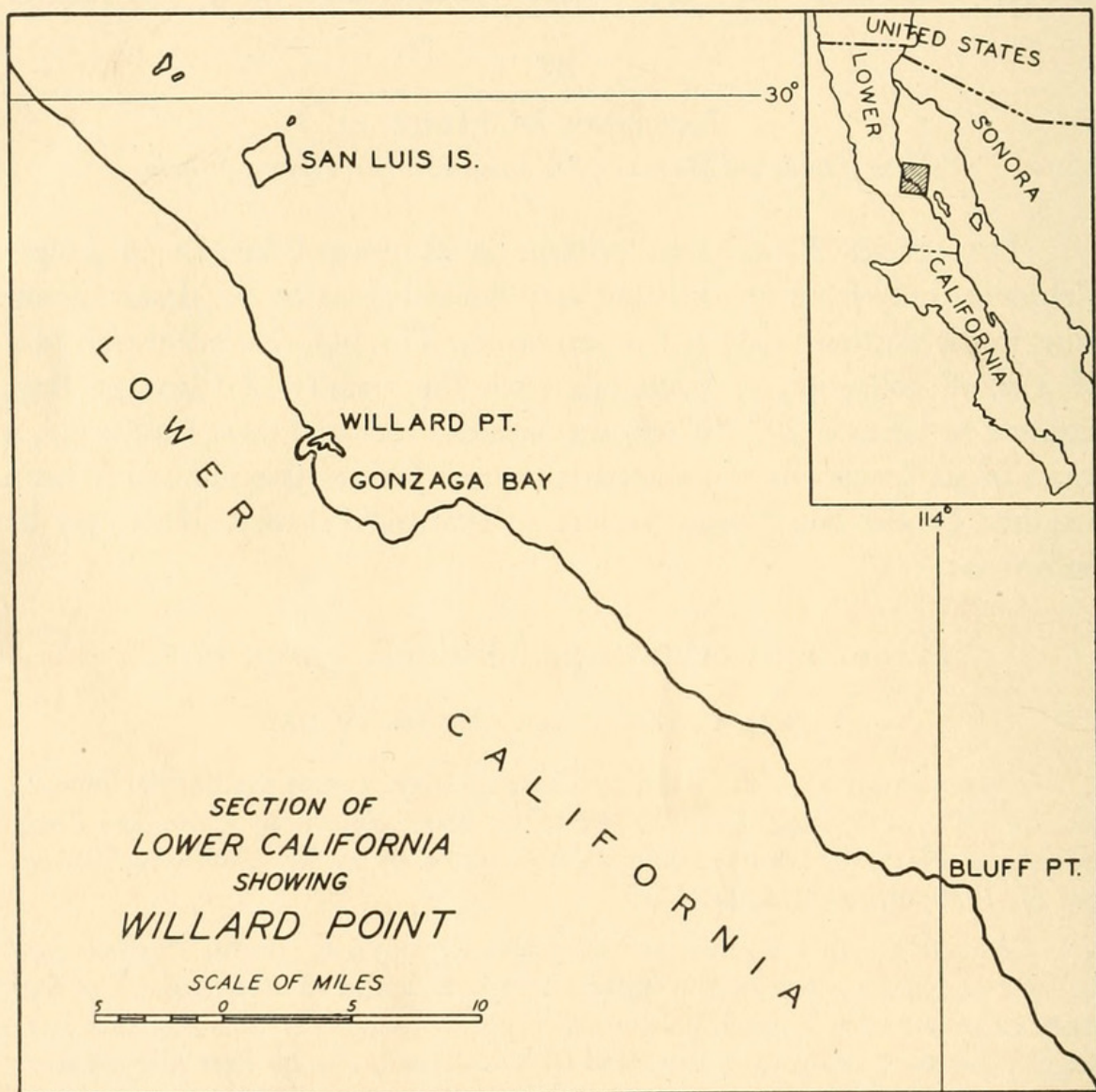
Type.—From a small island in Gonzaga Bay, Lower California, Mexico, lat. $29^{\circ} 50'$ north, long. $114^{\circ} 20'$ west; no. 8864, collection of the San Diego Society of Natural History; adult male; collected by A. W. Anthony, November 21, 1930; original number 1175.

Characters.—In size, this race resembles *Peromyscus crinitus stephensi*, but is paler and lacks much of the buffy underparts found in *stephensi*. The dark overcast of the back is much paler than *stephensi*. Cranially, this new race has a slightly flattened brain case compared with *stephensi*, though here also measurements are nearly alike.

Range.—Known from the type locality, as above, and from San Felipe, on the east coast of Lower California, to the northward. Specimens from the latter locality are not typical, but they are nearer to *pallidissimus* than to specimens of *stephensi* found in the vicinity of the International Boundary.

Remarks.—The accompanying map shows the position of the small island upon which the type series was taken. The island is unnamed, although designated as "Willard Point" on U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office Chart No. 619. It is worthy of note that this is the first occurrence of *crinitus* in an insular locality.

Specimens examined.—*Peromyscus crinitus stephensi*: Lower California, Mexico, 1 (Signal Mountain); San Diego County, California, 4 (1 from Mountain Springs; 3 from Mouth of Palm Canyon, Borego Valley); Inyo County, California, 8 (4 from Pleasant Canyon, Panamint Mountains; 1 from Onyx Mine, 10 miles west of Ballarat, Panamint Valley; 3 from Orondo Mine, Argus Mountains); Yuma County, Arizona, 4 (Tinajas Altas). *Peromyscus crinitus pallidissimus*: Lower California, Mexico, 37 (31 from San Felipe; 6 from Gonzaga Bay, type locality).





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