

ARVICOLA CALIFORNICA.—PEALE.

CALIFORNIAN ARVICOLA.

A. Subvariegatus rufescenti-fusco et nigro. Corpore brevi et robusto, pilis speciem hirsutici habentibus revera tamen mollibus et levibus. Auribus sub-magnis, pene sub pilis occultis. Cauda supra fusca, subtus fusco-cinerea.

CHARACTERS.

Body short and thick ; hair long and shining, at the roots plumbeous black, above and on the sides tipped with reddish brown and black ; ears rather large, nearly concealed by the fur ; tail brown above, brownish grey beneath.

SYNONYMES.

ARVICOLA CALIFORNICA.—Peale, Zool. Explo. Exped., Mammalia, 46.

“ CALIFORNICUS.—Le Conte, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Phila., Oct., 1853, p. 408.

DESCRIPTION.

Body short and thick ; hair rather long, and shining : head blunt ; ears large but almost concealed in the fur, hairy on both surfaces ; feet clothed with short, glossy hair ; tubercle of the thumb furnished with a compressed, blunt nail. Tail round ; whiskers numerous, but slender.

COLOUR.

Hair of the body plumbeous black at the roots, above and on the sides tipped with reddish brown and black, in such a manner as to give it a hirsute appearance ; feet greyish brown ; whiskers black and white.

DIMENSIONS.

									Inches.	Lines.
Length,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7
“	of	head,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
“	“	fore leg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
“	“	hind “	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
“	“	tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	



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