

ARVICOLA RUBRICATUS.—RICH.

RED-SIDED MEADOW MOUSE.

A. Supra obscurè plumbeus ; subtus pallidè cinereus, lateribus miniatis, caudâ breviusculâ, pollice minimo.

CHARACTERS.

Back slate-coloured, belly ash-coloured, sides nearly scarlet, tail rather short. Thumb of fore foot rudimentary. Size a little greater than that of the common domestic mouse.

SYNONYME.

ARVICOLA RUBRICATUS.—Rich. Zool. Beechey's Voy., Mammalia, p. 7.

The above are the characters of a meadow mouse, which burrows in the turfy soil on the shores of Behring's Straits, drawn up from Mr. COLLIE's notes. In the colours of its fur, and dimensions, it most resembles the *Arvicola æconomus* (PALL. glir. n. 125., pl. 14, A.), and appears to be quite distinct from any American meadow mouse hitherto described. There is no specimen in the collection. (RICHARDSON.)



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