

DIDELPHIS BREVICEPS.—BENNETT.

SYNONYME.

DIDELPHIS BREVICEPS.—Bennett, Zool. Proc. for 1833, p. 40.

DESCRIPTION.

Allied to *D. Virginianus* ; much smaller size and darker colour ; ordinary woolly hairs of the body white at base, the apical half, brownish black. Beyond this woolly hair there is an abundance of immensely long bristly white hairs on the upper parts and sides of the body. Head, throat, and under parts of body brownish, the hairs being white, with the tips brown. Lips white ; a broad white dash under the eye, joining the white lips ; a longitudinal brownish stripe extending from the eye towards the tip of the muzzle ; brownish black hairs also surround the eye. On the crown of the head there are long white hairs, interspersed like those of the body, but shorter. Ears black, naked, the apex whitish ; limbs and feet brown-black ; tail with minute bristly hairs, springing from between the scales ; the basal half of the tail apparently blackish, and the apical half whitish.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.	Lines.
From point of nose to insertion of tail, - - -	12	6
Tail, - - - - -	11	
Tarsus to end of longest claw, - - - - -	2	
Ear to point of nose, - - - - -	3	
Height of ear posteriorly, - - - - -	1	1
Longest bristly hairs on the back, - - - - -	3	

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

California. (BENNETT.)



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