

The Grasshopper Mouse

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Here the candid camera catches a Grasshopper Mouse (*Onychomys leucogaster*). This is a heavy, robust mouse of the open grasslands, rather uncommon and unevenly distributed. It is larger than the Deer Mouse but smaller than a chipmunk. The fur is fine and soft, gray above and white below, and the short tail is distinctive. The Grasshopper Mouse is carnivorous, being known to feed extensively on insects and upon other mice. (Speciment captured near Saskatoon, July, 1958.)

