

was lactating. Only one out of five females from Old Wives (July 25) appeared to be in active breeding condition (lactating). Similarly, males from Swanson appeared more active—three males had testes measuring 8x5, 11x5, and 14x7 mm.; four males from Old Wives had testes measuring 3x2 (two), 5x2, and 7x3 mm. Whether this is indicative of a sub-species difference is uncertain, but that this may be the case seems possible especially considering the barrier imposed by the South Saskatchewan River. Further comparisons of these samples, based on skull measurements, etc., will be necessary in order to solve this problem.

Stuart Criddle stated (1915:131) that in Manitoba "the young are born about the middle of May." Bailey records a female with embryos on May

13 in North Dakota and states: "There are no data to indicate more than one litter in a year." (1926:121). The above breeding data, however, especially the three females with embryos on July 11 suggests that this species may have two litters per year.

The complete distribution of the Pocket Mouse in Saskatchewan and adjacent areas is still unknown. There is a considerable area in which an attempt should be made to collect the Pocket Mouse to determine the outer limits of its range and, of course, it would be desirable to know the complete and exact distribution within this range. It is hoped that the present records and the description of our "hunting" technique will encourage others to obtain further specimens.

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