

A PARTIAL ALBINO MEADOW VOLE

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Stewart Pinder, a farmer near Springside, Saskatchewan, captured a white mouse on October 21, 1966. He found it when he was picking up bales on his farm. The mouse was given to Les Merriman in Springside and at time of writing (October 31) it is still in a healthy and lively condition.

When I heard of this mouse I drove to Springside to see it and to photograph it. It has all of the characteristics of a Meadow Vole, *Microtus*

pennsylvanicus (Ord). Its body is 3½" long; its tail is 1½" long. It has five toes on its hind feet but it appears to have only four toes on its front feet for the thumb is very much reduced. The right eye had been injured and was closed but the left eye has a black pupil and the iris is sky blue. At first glance the animal appears white but the fur on the back has a slight tan colour. Because the eyes are not pink and the fur is not pure white this Meadow Vole cannot be called an albino.

LEPIDOPTERA COLLECTED IN THE PERRY RIVER REGION, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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During the period July 8 to August 12, 1965, the writer assisted J. P. Ryder in Canadian Wildlife Service studies of Ross' Goose in the Perry River region, Northwest Territories (67° 42" N, 102° 15" W). During this time a collection of Lepidoptera was made, the results being presented here. The specimens, deposited in the

Canadian National Collection of Insects (Lot No. 66-59), were identified through the courtesy of Dr. J. E. H. Martin by taxonomists D. F. Hardwick, G. Lewis, and W. C. McGuffin of the Canada Department of Agriculture, Entomology Research Institute in Ottawa.

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