

## WOODCHUCK NEAR STEWART VALLEY

On 20 May 1990, Alan Drummond, a farmer 3 mi. east of Stewart Valley (section 15-T19-R14-W3) saw what he thought was a badger, beside one of his granaries, and, having chickens nearby, destroyed it.

On looking closer he realized it was a woodchuck, measuring 2'2" long and weighing 8 pounds. A grizzled grey top and sides with a rich brown underside.

I am wondering how common these animals are on the prairies. — Sig Nordheim, Box 59, White Bear, Saskatchewan. SOL 3L0

## WOODCHUCK SIGHTINGS IN SOUTHEASTERN SASKATCHEWAN

The Woodchuck at Gardiner Dam on 19 December 1988 [*Blue Jay* 47(1):56] was noted to be unusually far south. I am sending a list of the Woodchucks I have seen with land descriptions of where they were sighted. We do not see these animals every year but they do show up occasionally. The first one I saw was in the 1960s in our neighbor's barn (in a manger). I am surprised that they have not been sighted this far south.

4 June 1979, summer 1980 and 19 June 1986 - in and near our yard on nw34-1-30-W1; 7 May 1981 - near the South Antler River on sw 16-1-30-W1; 13 May



Young Woodchuck at Duck Mountain Provincial Park

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