

MAMMALS OF NANTUCKET COUNTY

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Introduction:

The following list recognizes 21 species and subspecies of mammals occurring in Nantucket County (Nantucket Is., Esther Is., Tuckernuck Is., & Muskeget Is.). The present list does not recognize the Orders Cetacea (whales, dolphins & porpoises), which includes specialized mammals that are entirely aquatic, and Primates (man kind). This list updates any previous list, and includes species which are currently found in Nantucket County.

NANTUCKET LIST

Order Insectivora: Shrews & Moles

Masked Shrew	<u>Sorex cinereus</u>
Specimen: 11/15/58 Madaket.	
Short-tailed Shrew	<u>Blarina brevicauda compacta</u>
Specimen: 8/9/60 Madaket Road.	
Eastern Mole	<u>Scalopus aquaticus</u>
Specimen: Nantucket/U-Mass Field Station.	

Order Chiroptera: Bats

Silver-haired Bat	<u>Lasionycteris noctivagans</u>
Specimen: 9/19/58.	
Red Bat	<u>Lasiurus borealis</u>
Specimen: 8/29/66.	
Hoary Bat	<u>Lasiurus cinereus</u>
Specimen: no date.	

Order Lagomorpha: Rabbits & Hares

Eastern Cottontail	<u>Sylvilagus floridanus</u>
Introduced.	
New England Cottontail	<u>Sylvilagus transitionalis</u>
Present status uncertain; specimen located at the US National	
Museum of Natural History, Wash., DC..	
Snowshoe Hare	<u>Lepus americanus</u>
Introduced.	
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	<u>Lepus californicus melanotis</u>
Introduced.	

Order Rodentia: Rodents

Gray Squirrel	<u>Sciurus carolinensis pennsylvanicus</u>
Accidentally introduced.	
White-footed Mouse	<u>Peromyscus leucopus fuscus</u>
Specimen: 1/9/59.	
Meadow Vole	<u>Microtus pennsylvanicus</u>

Rodents cont.

Muskeget Vole/Mouse
 Endemic to Muskeget Island.
 Norway Rat
 Introduced.
 House Mouse
 Introduced.
 Meadow Jumping Mouse
 Specimen: 10/11/58 Madaket.

Microtus breweri

Rattus norvegicus

Mus musculus domesticus

Zapus hudsonius

Order Carnivora: Carnivores (meat eaters)

House Cat
 Feral.

Felis domestica

Order Pinnipedia: Seals, Walruses & Sea Lions

Harbor Seal
 Observed.
 Gray or Horsehead Seal
 Specimen: Museum Comparative Zoology.

Phoca vitulina concolor

Halichoerus grypus

Order Artiodactyla: Even-toed, hoofed mammals

White-tailed Deer
 Reintroduced.

Odocoileus virginianus