



DESCRIPTION

The brown rat has grey-brown fur, a pointed muzzle and a long, scaly tail. They are commonly seen in the wild.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Riparian, urban gardens, farmland, grassland. Brown rats are ubiquitous and can be found in most habitat types.

RANGE

Widespread throughout the British Isles.

FIELD SIGNS

Footprints

Brown rat footprints are small and difficult to spot. They should show five straight toes (three forwards, two outwards). Width of hind foot up to 4.5cm.

Droppings

Rat droppings are putty-like, usually with a blunt end and a pointed end. Most commonly seen in farmland and urban areas. Variable: up to 17mm in length and 6mm wide.

Colour: blackish brown

Smell: foul, rancid smelling

