

Water Vole (*Arvicola terrestris*)

Size: 12 - 20 cm

Weight: 70 - 320 g

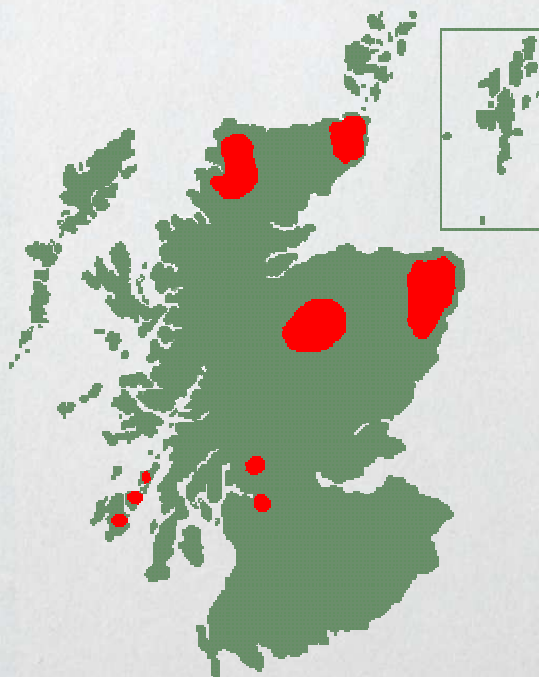
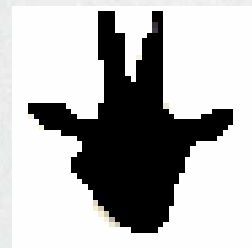
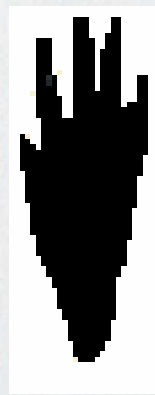
Lifespan: up to 2 years.

Diet: Plant material.

Habitat: Banks of ditches, dykes, slow-moving rivers and streams, and grassland.

Predators: Mink, birds of prey and cats.

Status: Least concern



o They are Britain's largest vole.

o Baby water voles are called pups.

o Ratty from Kenneth Grahame's 'The Wind in the Willows' was actually a water vole.

o They eat up to 80% of their own body weight each day.

