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Instant ID

- Light brown and white mouse with large ears and dark eyes
- Less than 6 inches long and 1/2 ounce in weight

Native Niches

- Formerly found from the mouth of the St. Johns River, south to the end of Anastasia Island
- Now only found on Anastasia Island
- Builds burrows on primary dunes
- Forages (looks for food) on both primary (nearest the water) and secondary (behind primary) dunes

Favorite Foods

- Eats fruits and seeds of beach plants and some invertebrates



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Critter Characteristics

- Isolation from other coastal areas by river mouths, inlets and marshes led to the development of several subspecies
- Digs a two to three foot burrow with a primary entrance and a covered escape hatch

Population Protection

- Federally endangered subspecies of the oldfield mouse
- Keep pets indoors or on leashes
- Avoid walking on or driving over dunes
- Do not feed stray cats
- Protect plant growth on or near dunes

