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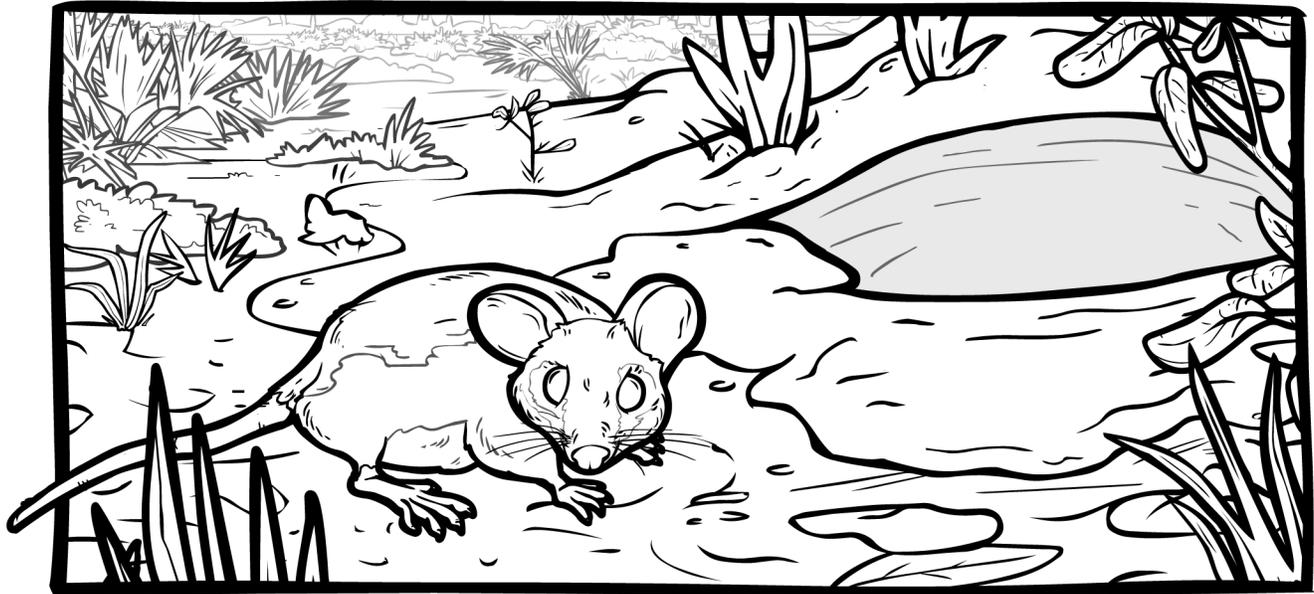
# Florida Mouse *(Podomys floridanus)*

## Instant ID

- A small rodent with a brownish back and white belly
- Around 7 1/2 inches long
- Has orange-colored sides
- Long tail is brown on top and white on bottom
- Has five pads on back feet
- Young have grayish backs

## Native Niches

- Found in fire-maintained scrub habitat
- Require dry patches of sandy ground and shrubs
- Endemic to (only found in) Florida



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## Favorite Foods

- Feeds on seeds, fungi and insects
- Acorns are also an important food source

## Critter Characteristics

- Larger than other mice found in Florida
- Prefers to live in gopher tortoise burrows
- Forages at night to avoid predators

## Population Protection

- Habitat destruction has caused population decline
- Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk