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(Peromyscus polionotus niveiventris)

Instant ID

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

Native Niches

- Formerly found on coastal lands from Ponce Inlet south to Hollywood Beach
- Now limited to the northern parts of its former range
- Feeds in both primary (nearest the water) and secondary (behind primary) dune habitats
- Digs a two to three foot burrow with a main entrance and a covered “escape hatch” on primary dunes





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Favorite Foods

- Eats fruits and seeds of beach plants and some invertebrates

Critter Characteristics

- Federally threatened subspecies of the oldfield mouse
- Isolation from other coastal areas by river mouths and marshes led to the development of several subspecies

Population Protection

- 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