

# WHITE-FOOTED MOUSE

*Peromyscus leucopus*



## HABITAT

White-footed mice prefer to live in warm, dry forests with plenty of hiding spots, such as logs and brush piles. However, they are also adapted to suburban and agricultural settings.



## DIET

White-footed mice are **omnivorous** (eat both plants and animals). They love seeds and nuts but will also eat berries, insects, and fungi. They store food in the fall because they do not hibernate in cold weather.



## ADAPTATIONS AND BEHAVIOR

These mice are primarily **nocturnal** (active at night) and **solitary** (do not live in groups). They have good eyesight, hearing, and sense of smell, and they use their whiskers to touch the world around them. They need to keep aware of their surroundings because they have many predators (snakes, owls, hawks, weasels, and foxes).



## FUN FACTS

One mouse can have up to 36 babies in a year! If these young are threatened, their mother carries them to safety one at a time by holding them by the scruff of their neck.

These mice can also climb trees and swim!



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