Small Mammal Survey of Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge: Final Report to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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Project Description and Summary

Systematic sampling of the small mammals within Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge (FSNWR) was undertaken to provide the Refuge with data to evaluate the effects of Refuge management practices on small mammal habitat and monitor the presence and distribution of invasive species within the Refuge boundaries.

The small mammal populations at Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge were informally surveyed in the early 1960's, shortly after Fish Springs was granted national wildlife status, providing a baseline inventory of the small mammal species at FSNWR. Thirty years later, in 1992, BYU mammalogist Clyde Pritchard conducted a brief three day sampling effort in and around the Refuge and recorded the first instance of the invasive species *Mus musculus* (house mouse) at the campground spring edge. In his report he voiced a concern that this species may be competing with other naturally occurring small mammal species. A rigorous resampling effort had not been conducted since these cursory surveys to monitor the expansion of *Mus musculus*, to identify the presence of additional invasive species, or to evaluate the effects of refuge management on small mammal diversity and densities.

This project was designed to address these management needs by (1) resampling previously surveyed localities within FSNWR to validate the current presence of small mammal species known to occur in the Refuge; (2) documenting the population density and extent of the invasive species *Mus musculus* and its effects on other small mammal species; (3) systematically sample ecological habitats in the Refuge yet unsurveyed; (4) identify critical habitat locations within FSNWR that contain high species diversity or rare species and may be sensitive to management practices; (5) update the FSNWR small mammal species inventory list.

This project also addresses several ecological research hypotheses. Small, terrestrial mammals are excellent indicators of the effects of human disturbance or modifications on ecological communities (Zou et al. 1989). When habitat is altered for management purposes, a subsequent response is expected within small mammal communities (Fitzgerald et al. 2001). Numerous studies indicate that habitat manipulation (Mitchell et al. 1995, Zou et al. 1989), wildfire (Groves and Steenhof 1988, Yensen et al. 1992), and prescribed fire (Fitzgerald 2001) impact small mammal populations. However, because temporal scale can influence ecological interpretation, the impacts reported in these studies may only reflect short-term effects and not the long-term response of small mammal populations (Brady and Slade 2001; Swihart and Slade 1990). Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge (FSNWR) was awarded national wildlife refuge status in 1959 and since then wildlife managers have significantly modified the area to optimize the habitat for waterfowl. Habitat alterations have included the dissection of the spring slews into nine sections by dikes and gravel roads, annually conducted burns to promote bird-preferred plant species, and periodic flooding of meadow areas. Bloczyński et al. (2000) suggest that wetlands optimized for one faunal guild can not be optimal for another. Therefore, the management practices employed at FSNWR that favor avian species are expected to have negatively impacted the species richness and relative abundances of its small mammal species.

Comparisons with previous survey efforts allow us to examine the long-term effects of ecological disturbance on small mammal populations within the Refuge. We predict that (1) small mammal species richness will vary by microhabitat type with the lowest number of species expected in the marsh meadow areas as a result of annually managed burns and flooding events; (2) species abundances will be highest in the unmanaged sand dune and floral rich wetland habitats and lowest in the naturally harsher salt flat and foothill, and heavily managed marsh

meadow, habitats; (3) an increase in the abundance and range of the invasive species Mus musculus since it was first detected in 1992; (4) a short-term decline or the local extinction of some small mammals since the Refuge was established and its management related habitat disturbances were initiated.

To test these predictions, we (1) identified five general microhabitat types within FSNWR and sampled the small mammal population within each; (2) calculated the species richness and abundances between those habitats expecting that highly modified habitats will reflect lower species diversity and abundances; (3) compared the current species diversity and relative abundances to historic data expecting a loss of native species, the appearance of exotic species, and an overall loss in species abundances.

This project was directed by Dr. Eric Rickart, Curator of Vertebrates at the Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH), and UMNH Vertebrates Project Manager, Shannen Robson between September 2002 and October 2003. Twenty-one sites were sampled using multiple trapping methods (see Methods section below) for a total of 1198 trap nights, yielding 184 specimens of 12 different species. These data were compiled, interpreted, and recommendations formulated and presented in the next sections of this report.

Methods

The FSNWR study area

Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge lies in West Desert of Juab County in westcentral Utah. The Refuge boundaries encompass 17,992 acres situated between the Fish Springs and Thomas mountain ranges (Figure 1). This area is generally flat with less than 30 feet variation in elevation except for a small area of the northeastern foothills of the Fish Spring mountains. Here elevation increases an additional 500 feet. Five major geothermal springs and several lesser springs seep from a faultline at the base of the eastern front of the Fish Springs Range (Oliveiria 1975) creating a 10,000 acres marsh system that has been divided into nine pools by elevated gravel roads and dikes.

Microhabitat descriptions

To determine small mammal-habitat associations and how small mammal communities vary by habitat within the Refuge, five general microhabitat types were identified: wetland, marsh meadow, salt flat, foothill, and sand dune. Microhabitats were identified by distinct plant communities (see Table 1) and edaphic features.

- Wetland microhabitat. Spring edges have a distinct wetland habitat dominated by the common reed (*Phragmites austalis*), cattail (Typha latifolia), rushes (*Scirpus maritimus*, S. acutus, S. americanus, and Juncus halticus), and salt grass (*Disticulus spicata spicata*).
- Marsh meadow microhabitat. Approximately 25-50 feet from the spring edges
 the wetland habitat abruptly shifts to marsh meadow habitat. The marsh meadow
 areas are heavily managed and experience periodic flooding, prescribed burns,
 and pesticide sprays. The meadows are clearly identifiable as homogenous
 swaths of reed (Phragmites austalis) and the ubiquitously present salt grass
 (Disticulus spicata spicata).
- Salt flat microhabitat. Highly saline, desert salt flat habitat surrounds the marsh meadows. These areas rarely experience flooding and therefore remain extremely

- dry with a high soil salt content. This habitat dominates the refuge and is characterized by salt tolerant plants such as greasewood (Sarcobatus vermiculatus), iodine bush (Allenrolfea occidentalis), halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus), shadscale (Atriplex tridentate), salt grass (Distichlis spicta spicata), and various annual chenopod species.
- 4. Foothill microhabitat. A small portion of the rocky, talus slopes of the Fish Spring Mountains are within the refuge boundaries. These foothills are higher in elevation than the Refuge playa, escaping the high saline concentrations that the plant communities in the other microhabitat types face. The foothills are characterized by mormon tea (Ephedra nevadensis), shadscale (Atriplex confirtifolia and A. canescens), rabbit brush (Aracamarea nauseosa), horse brush (Tetrodynea spinosa and T. spp.), and Indian rice grass (Stipa hymonoides). Importantly, this is the only habitat with significant amounts of invasive cheat grass (Bromus tectorum).
- Sand dune microhabitat. Along the refuge boundaries there are several groups of permanent sand dunes. The deep sandy soil provides critical habitat for burrowing and tunneling mammal species and is dominated by greasewood (Sarcobatus vermiculatus), shadscale (Atriplex tridentata), iodine bush (Allenrolfea occidentalis), and salt grass (Disticulus spicata spicata).

Trapping methods and sampling localities

Twenty-one directed trapping locations were established and sampled using multiple trap types between September 2002 and October 2003 for a total of 1198 trap nights. Trapping locations were chosen opportunistically depending on constraints of management practices (for instance, strategic flooding greatly affected site choice). As a result not all microhabitats were sampled equally (see Table 2 for site summary data). Site localities within the Refuge are identified in Figure 1. There were 3 wetland sites totaling 149 trap nights, 5 marsh meadow sites totaling 257 trap nights, 4 foothill sites totaling 231 trap nights, 6 dune sites totaling 382 trap nights, and 3 salt flat sites totaling 179 trap nights (see Appendix 2 for a detailed chronology of trapping effort). Relative values were used for comparison to control for unequal sampling.

Both Sherman live traps and snap traps (museum specials and victor rat traps) were utilized in the wetland, salt flat, foothill, and sand dune habitat sites and aluminum can pitfall traps were placed in the wetland and marsh meadow habitat sites to target shrew species. At each trap site, appropriate traps were positioned in locations most likely to result in the successful capture of a small mammal. All of the snap and live traps were baited before sunset, checked the following morning within 2 hours of sunrise, and closed during the day. Fifty-eight of the 184 captured animals were released alive. The remainder were prepared as voucher specimens and curated at the Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH). Species identity, age class, and sex was recorded for each captured animal and additional standard measurements were recorded for each voucher specimen. The entire raw data set is provided in Appendix 1.

Analyses

Relative species abundances (percent of the total captures represented by each species) and species richness (number of different species) for the entire Refuge were calculated and compared to data from earlier studies (Ecology and Epizoology Research Group 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969; EcoDynamics 1971, 1972) to determine if species abundances or

richness declined after the introduction of management practices in 1959. This survey was also compared to unpublished data collected by Brigham Young University mammalogist Clyde Pritchard during 3 nights of trapping at 5 different trap sites in 1992 (BYU sites A-G on Map, Figure 1). Pritchard's field notes report that all of the specimens collected during 1992 were live trapped and released except for a few voucher specimens curated at the Monte L. Beane Museum at BYU. We examined those voucher specimens at BYU in Spring 2003 to verify species identifications and locality data. The actual and relative number of specimens collected during each survey effort is provided in Table 5.

Results

One hundred eighty-four individuals of twelve different species were captured during 1198 trap nights. Table 3 compares the actual and relative species richness and abundances for the entire Refuge and for each individual microhabitat type. Relative abudance (calculated as a percent of captures in that habitat out of the total captured in the Refuge) was highest in the sand dunes (33.2%), followed by the foothills (28.3%) and the wetland (21.7%) habitats. Abundances decreased to 9.8% in the marsh meadow and, not surprisingly, was lowest in the salt flats (7.1%). No species dominated more than twenty percent of the total number of captures. The foothills contain the greatest number of different species (8), followed by the wetlands and dunes (5) each), and the marsh and salt flats (4 each). In addition to containing the greatest number of species, the foothills also contain most of the species specialists. Four of the five species found in only one habitat types were documented in the foothills (see Table 4) indicating that this is an especially critical area for small mammal species. The deer mouse (Peromyscus maniculatus), a widespread habitat generalist, was documented in all five habitats. The house mouse (Mus musculus), an invasive species, was documented in three of the five habitat types indicating that this species has expanded it's habitat, range, and abundance since it was first recorded at the campground in 1992, most likely the result of migration from the FSNWR headquarters and surrounding buildings. The house mouse is a 'weedy' species and particularly adept at colonizing disturbed habitats. Management within the refuge may be contributing to its expansion.

The actual and relative abundances of small mammal species collected were compared to data reported from previous studies at FSNWR and the surrounding area (Table 5, Figure 2, and Appendix 3). Only one historically recorded species, the little pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris*), was absent in the 2002/2003 resampling effort. Two species, *Sorex vagrans* and *Mus musculus*, are first recorded in 1992 and increase in relative abundance in 2002. While not represented in the historical data, the vagrant shrew was known to exist in the FSNWR area (Egoscoe 1961, 1965) and is probably absent from the Ecology and Epizoology records due to differing trapping methodologies. Assuming the historical presence of *Sorex vagrans*, species richness at FSNWR (Figure 3) has declined by 1 species and increased by one additional exotic species.

Discussion

This project is particularly informative because the records of historical survey efforts were available allowing the rare opportunity to examine small mammal community dynamics over time. Poor locality description and methodological reporting in previous studies make

precise historical comparison tenuous. However, comparison with the results of this study indicate that species diversity and relative abundance of most small mammal species have remained remarkably constant over time. The general habitat types that suffer the lowest species richness and relative abundances are those that experience the greatest management-related alterations. While nearly all of the species present historically were recorded during this resampling effort, capture frequencies of several species in the FSNWR small mammal community fluctuated over time and the peaks in abundances did not occur simultaneously (Figure 2).

Grayson (1993) highlights two species of rodent, Ord's kangaroo rat (Dipodomys ordii) and the chisel-toothed kangaroo rat (Dipodomys microps) as particularly refined indicators of local habitat conditions. These two species are found together, but are non-competing because they target different plant resources. The "chisel" like incisors of D. microps allows this species to strip off the high salt outer layer of shadscale leaves to cat the low salt interior while D. ordii targets seed bearing resources (Durrant 1952). A decline in either over time would reflect the dynamics of the local plant community. The relative abundance of Ord's kangaroo rat was documented as high as 28.4% in 1967 and steadily declined to 16.0% om 1969, 5.8% in 1971, to less than 1% in 1972. These low numbers were sustained with only 3.5% abundance in 1992 and 1.6% in 2002/2003. The abundances of both species of kangaroo rat were positively associated (but not significantly, p=0.254) suggesting that these species populations may experience temporal population density changes in tandem. The decline in D. ordii may be attributable to competition with another seed-eating species, the harvest mouse (Reithrodontomys megalotis), whose relative abundance increased. These data suggest a historical change has occurred in the local vegetation. Kangaroo rats have short forelimbs, large hind limbs, and a strong tail making them excellent jumping species in open desert habitats. Invasive grasses, such as cheat grass, colonize the spaces between endemic bunch grasses reducing the open pavement saltorial species require for locomotion. Closed grassy habitat favors small murids (like Reithrodontomys spp.) and such a change in plant ecology may account for the shifting small mammal populations. Additional studies investigating normal seasonal and cyclic populations fluctuations, changes in vegetation, and intraspecies competition would help explain this pattern.

The elevation and geomorphological advantage of the foothill microhabitat is likely to account for its high number of species specialists. However, it's possible that the minimal management practices in this habitat also contribute to its disproportionately high relative species abundances and richness. Regardless, the data show that this is a critical small mammal microhabitat within the Refuge and the most likely habitat for documenting yet unrecorded species. The sand dune habitat also experienced high species diversity and abundance and, importantly, was the only habitat to contain Ord's kangaroo rat. The sand dunes also benefit from low management-related modifications, so the robust sand dune small mammal community may be the result of habitat stability over time. The marsh meadow habitat yielded four species, all nested within the wetland habitat assemblege. However, two of the four species were represented by only one specimen. The relatively low species abundance in this grass habitat could be the result of targeted annual prescribed burns and deliberate periodic flooding by the Refuge management. However, since only pitfall traps were set in two of the marsh meadow sites, specifically targeting shrew species, the low abundances of non-shrew species may reflect a bias trapping protocol.

The invasive species, Mus musculus, first appeared in the sampling record in 1992.

These specimens were collected at the local campground not far from the Refuge headquarters

and buildings. In 2002 three house mouse specimens were collected in the northwestern corner of the Refuge and in 2003 high abundances were recorded in the central portion of the Refuge. In the resampling effort Mus was the 5th most abundant species, representing almost 10% of the Refuge's relative species abundance (see Table 3). These data indicate that this exotic species is both expanding its range and increasing in population, competing with native species. Future studies should investigate the habitat selection of Mus and its influence on the abundances of endemic small mammal species and overall species richness.

The unique chemical composition of the geothermal ponds may also be an important factor for small mammal communities. The geothermal heat from a warm spring has been known to sustain marsh plants year-round allowing microtines the opportunity to increase reproduction (Negus et al. 1986). Negus et al. (1986) have shown that vole reproduction may be initiated by a chemical factor in salt grass, 6-methoxybenzoxazolinone (6-MBOA). Young sprouts of salt grass in late February were high in 6-MBOA while the late June samples were lower and there was no detectable 6-MBOA in the salt grass samples from August. The seasonal onset of breeding coincides with the appearance of 6-MBOA in the newly sprouted salt grass and they showed that supplemental 6-MBOA can initiate breeding in a non-breeding winter population. Future investigations should examine the impact of warm springs on the chemical factors of plant resources around warm springs and both their effects on vole reproductive patterns and possibly sustaining the *Mus* populations over winter.

The isolation of the FSNWR fauna may be reflected in the genetics of the voucher specimens collected. Grayson (1993) has illustrated how climate change during the late Pleistocene and early Holocene has constricted faunal populations to localized 'oases', separated by long distances of harsh, nonmigratable distances. Tissue samples from each voucher specimen in the 2002/2003 resampling project were taken for future DNA analysis to compare the genetic signature of the FSNWR fauna with that of other Great Basin small mammal populations. Such analyses would reveal how long ago the FSNWR mammals became remnant populations and determine their genetic uniqueness.

A complete, updated, and revised species list for FSNWR can be found in Appendix 3. This list also includes the location, species, and abundance of voucher specimens held in zoological collections in. Several additional species either known from this region or typical of habitat within the Refuge, (Tamias minimus, Paragnathus parvus, Microdipodops megacephalus, Sorex preblei, Lemmiscus curtatus and Microtus longicaudus), were added to the list because they may be present in FSNWR but not yet recorded. None of the previous sampling efforts at FSNWR to date have been rigorous or systematic. FSNWR fauna may prove to be more diverse if a persistent, longitudinal collecting effort was conducted throughout the entire Refuge.

Project Objectives Summary

- Resampling efforts within FSNWR targeted previously sampled and yet to be sampled areas of the Refuge. This effort validated the current presence of all but one small mammal species previously documented in the Refuge.
- (2) The invasive species Mus musculus has increased in number and expanded its range since it was first vouchered in the Refuge in 1992 and presents a serious competitive disadvantage for existing species.
- (3) Five ecological microhabitats were identified in the Refuge and were systematically sampled.

- (4) Sampling efforts suggest that the dune areas and foothills along the periphery of the refuge are the most species rich and diverse habitats probably due to the minimal management impacts in these localities. These critical areas within FSNWR may be sensitive to management practices and should be protected from future alteration.
- (5) The FSNWR small mammal species inventory list (Appendix 3) has been updated and revised to include species known to the region and potentially existing in the Refuge, as well as removing the pygmy rabbit (Brachylagus idahoensis).

Ecological Hypotheses Summary

- (1) We predicted that small mammal species richness would vary by microhabitat type with the lowest number of species expected in the marsh meadow areas as a result of annually managed burns and flooding events. We found both predictions to be supported by our data. Species were richest in low management habitats, highest in the foothills followed by (in order) the dune, wetland, salt flat, and marsh habitats (see Table 3). However, the low abundance and richness of the marsh habitat may be confounded by unequal and biased sampling methods.
- (2) We predicted that species abundances would be highest in the unmanaged sand dune and floral rich wetland habitats and lowest in the naturally harsher salt flat, foothill, and heavily managed marsh meadow, habitats. The dune habitat contained more than one-third (33.2%) of the total number of individuals captured followed by the foothill habitat (28.3%). Together, these two habitats yielded over 60% of the relative abundance in the Refuge further emphasizing their importance as critical habitat deserving special consideration. The wetland habitat also had significant abundance (21.7% of the total sample) while the marsh and salt flat habitats suffered low abundances, as expected (9.8% and 7.1%, respectively).
- (3) We predicted an increase in the abundance and range of the invasive species Mus musculus since it was first detected in 1992 and found this to be the case. The expansion of Mus from the human occupied areas into the interior of the Refuge is disconcerting and will likely place additional stress on the local species. Continued monitoring of this species is highly recommended.
- (4) We predicted a short-term decline or the local extinction of some small mammals since the Refuge was established and its management related habitat disturbances were initiated. However, our resampling effort showed the opposite. The species present historically proved to be resilient over the past 40 years despite significant habitat modification and shifting plant communities. The warm springs may provide a unique and consistent source of food to small mammals (such as microtines) which sustains small mammal community structures over time. Future studies should investigate the unique aspects of geothermal springs in small mammal dynamics.

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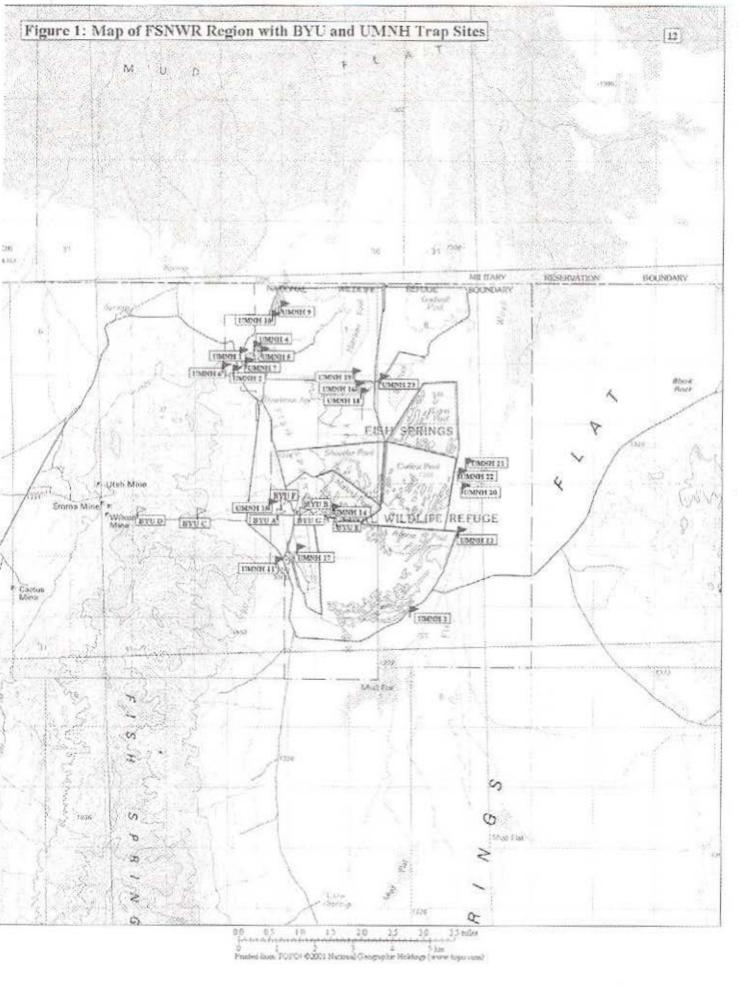


Figure 2: Relative abundances of small mammal species captured at FSNWR over time.

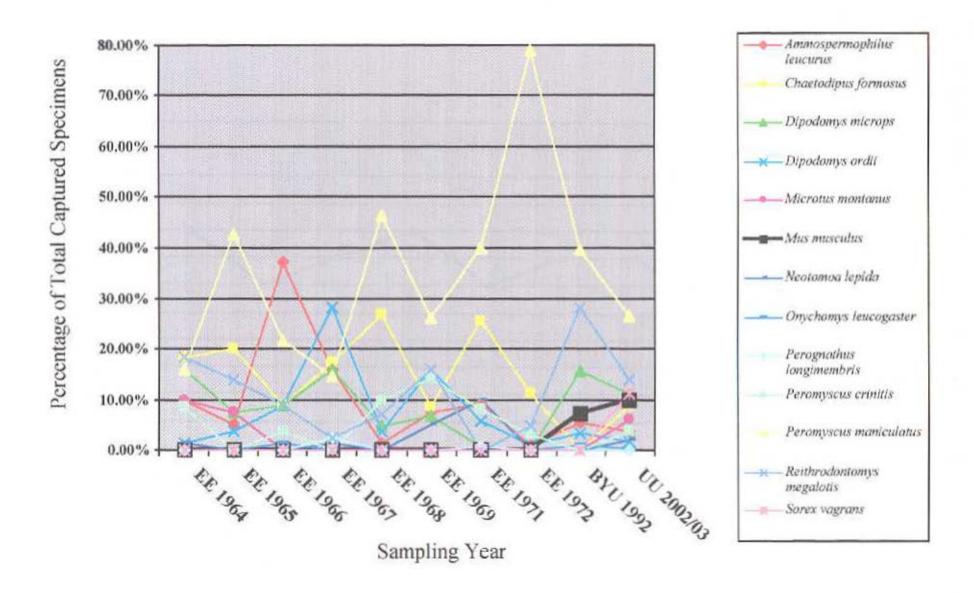
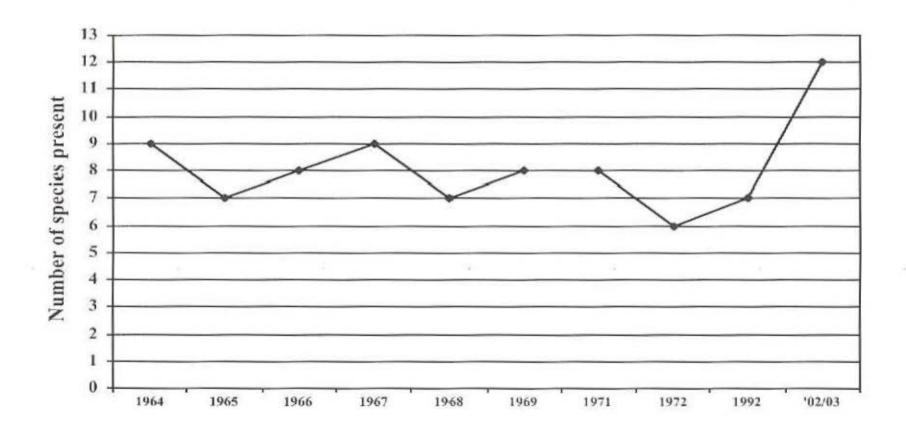


Figure 3: Species Richness of small mammal species over time at FSNWR



Habitat type	Genus species of plant	Common name
Spring Edge		
	Phragmites astralus.	
	Typha latifolia	Cattail
	Scirpus maritimus	Alkalai bullrush
	Juncus bellicus	
	Sciprus americanus	Olney threesquare
	Scirpus acutus	Hardstern bullrush
	Disticulus spicata spicata	
	Glaux mantima	Sea milkwort
	Cressa truxillensis	
	Nitrophila occidentalis	Winterwort
	Sporobollus airoides	(feathery grass)
Marsh	W. F.	
	Disticulus spicata spicata	
	Phragmites astrolus	
Salt Flat	CI:	
	Atriplex Indentata	Shadscale
	Sarcobatus vermiculatus	Greasewood
	Allenroffea occidentalis	lodine bush
	Halogeton glomeratus	
	Suaeda moquinii	Seepweed
	Kochia americana	Gray molly
	other annual chenopod sp.	
Dune		
	Sarcobatus vermiculatus	Greasewood
	Atriplex tridenta	Shadscale
	Disticulus spicata spicata	
	Allenrolfea occidentalis	lodine bush
	Sarocomia utahensis	pickleweed
	Erogium deflexum	buckwheat
Foothill		N
SACREGIES S.	Ephedra nevadensis	Mormon tea
	Atriplex confirtifolia	Shadscale
	Atriplex canescens	
	Aracamarea nauseosa	Rabbitbrush
	Tetrodynea spinosa	Horsebrush
	Tetrodynea sp.	
	Stipa hymenoides	Indian rice grass
	Lyceum sp.	
	Bromus tectorum	Cheat grass
	Gutierrezia sarothrae	Broomshake weed

Site Number	Microhabitat type	Site Description	DECLAT/ NAD 1927	DECLONG/ NAD 1927	ELEV	Total trap nights	Total captures	Total released	Site trap success (%)
3	DUNE	South Sand Dunes	39.82750	113.35964	4311	80	9	p	11.25
9	DUNE	North Sand Dunes	39.90428	113.40133	4314	100	24	15	24,00
13	DUNE	Southeast dunes	39,54546	113 34512	4306	60	3	D	5.00
17	DUNE	Middle spring roadside dune	39.54134	113 39370	4319	30	51	6	36.67
20	DUNE	East Dunes	39.85682	113 34330	4295	38	7	4	18.42
21	DUNE	NE Dunes	39.85969	113 34217	4293	74	7:	3	9.46
					19562111	362	五寸	30	
2	FOOTHILL	Lower North Spring foothilis	39 88458	113 41361	4300	20	3	D	15.00
6	FOOTHILL	Upper North Spring Footbills	39.88389	113 41447	4370	91	11	0	12.09
11	FOOTHILL	Foothil's West of Headquarters	39 83839	113 39954	4346	80	26	ta	32.50
15	FOOTHILL	Landfill	39.64927	113 39965	4350	40	12	4	30.00
						231	52	22	
4	MARSH	North Spring marsh meadow #1	39.85725	113 40827	4305	112	1	0	0.89
5	MARSH	North Spring marsh meadow #2	39.88758	113 41237	4281	90	7	1	7.78
14	MARSH	Pionic marsh	39 84967	113 38392	4301	30	3	0	10.00
18	MARSH	Pintail marsh meadow	39.87877	113 37532	4276	15	6	0	40.00
22	MARSH	NE Dune districts	39.85872	113 34547	4296	10	t	0	10.00
						257	18	1	
7	SALT	North Spring salt flats	39.86449	113.41314	4250	89	6	0	5.74
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Chaetodipus formosus				16 7			16	8 7%	1
Dipadamys microps			3	7	11		21	11.4%	3
Dipodomys ordn					3		3	1 6%	3
Microtus montanus	9	1			1		11	6.0%	3
Mas musculus	11	6		7			18	9.8%	3
Nectomoa lepida				4			4	2.2%	1
Onychomys leucogaster				1			1	0.5%	1
Peromyscus crinitis				7			7	3.5%	1
Peromyscus maniculatus	5	-1	1	12	30		49	26.6%	5
Reithrodonlomys megalotis	4		.6		16		26	14.1%	3
Sorex vagrans	11	10					21	11.4%	2
Species abudances/habitat	40	18	13	52	61	Total	184	100.0%	
Number of trap nights/habitat	149	257	179	231	382				
Trap success/habitat (%)	26.8%	7 0%	7.3%	22 5%	16.0%				
Relative abundance (% total sample)	21.7%	9.8%	7 1%	28.3%	33 2%				
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¹ Calculated as the percent of all FSNWR captures (n=184) represented by each habitat.

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	Wetland	Marsh	Salt flat	Foothills	Dune	# of habitats
Peromyscus maniculatus	5	1	1	12	30	5
Dipodomys microps			3	7	11	3
Microtus montanus	9	(1)			1	3
Reithrodonlomys megalolis	4		6		16	3
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Sorex vagrans	11	10				2
Chaetodipus formosus				16		1
Dipodomys ordii					3	1
Neotomoa lepida				4		1
Onychomys leucogaster				1		1
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	Captures	% Total								
Ammospermophilus leucurus	8	9.88%	4	5.0%	28	37 2%	13	18.0%		1.2%
Chaetodipus formosus	15	18.52%	18	20:0%	7	9.0%	1.4	17.3%	22	26.8%
Dipodamys microps	13	16.05%	6	7.5%	7	9.0%	13	16.0%	34	4.9%
Dipodomys ordii	18	1.23%	3	3.8%	7	9.0%	23	28.4%	3	3.7%
Microtus montenus	8	9.88%	6	7.5%	0	0.0%	10	1.2%	O	0.0%
Mus musculus	0	0.00%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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Peromyscus crinitis	7	8.64%	0	0.0%	3	3.8%	0	0.0%	8	9,8%
Peromyscus maniculatus	13	16.05%	34	42.5%	17	21.8%	12	14.8%	38	46.3%
Reithrodoniomys megalotis	15	18.52%	11	13.8%	7	9.0%	2	2.5%	6	7.3%
Sorex vagrans	0	0.00%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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Chaetodipus formosus	10	8,4%	31	25.6%	12	11.4%	0	0.0%	16	8,7%
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Dipodomys ordii	19	16.0%	7	5.8%	1	1.0%	4	3.5%	3	1.6%
Microtus montanus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	U	0.0%	U	0.0%	11	6.0%
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Peromyscus maniculatus	31	26.1%	48	39.7%	83	79.0%	45	39.5%	49	26.6%
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VOUCHERED SPECIES

Location and Number of Voucher Specimens

		BYU	U	MNH
Species	Common name	251 1/2200	Historical	2002-03 project
Ammospermophilus leucurus	White-tailed antelope ground squirrel	8	5	3
Bassicariscus astutus	Ringtail		1	
Chaetodipus formosus	Long-tailed pocket mouse	6	29	7
Dipodomys microps	Chisel toothed kangaroo rat	6 16	10	13
Dipadomys ordii	Ord's kangaroo rat	3	14	3
Lepus californicus	Black tailed jack rabbit	1		
Lynx rufus	Bobcat		8	
Mephitis mephitis	Striped skunk		4	
Microdipodops megacephalus**	Dark kangaroo mouse		1	
Microfus montanus	Montane vole	2 5	15	10
Mus musculus	House mouse	5		17
Mustela frenata	Long-tailed weasel		1	
Neotoma lepida	Desert woodrat	2	6	4
Ondatra zibethicus	Common muskrat	3	61	
Onychomys leucogaster	Northern grasshopper mouse	1	1	1
Perognathus longimembrus**	Little pocket mouse		2	
Peromyscus crinitus	Canyon mouse	10		7
Peromyscus maniculatus	Deer mouse	6	4	28
Peromyscus truei	Pinyon mouse	1		
Reithrodontomys megalotis	Western harvest mouse	9	6	13
Sorex vagrans	Vagrant shrew		1	20
Spermophilus townsendii (mollis)	Plute ground squirrel		2	
Spilogale gracilis	Western spotted skunk		3	
Sylvilagus audubondii	Desert cottontail	2		
Taxidea taxus	American badger		2	
Thomomys bottae	Botta's pocket gopher	2	17	
Vulpes macrotis	Kit fox		5	

^{(&}quot; species vouchered in the FSNWR region rarely and historically):

SIGHTED OR HYPOTHETICAL SPECIES

Species	Common name	Sighted/hypothetical
Vulpes vulpes	red fax	sighted
Canis latrans	coyote	sighted
Tamias minimus	Least chipmunk	hypothetical
Perognathus parvus	Great Basin pocket mouse	hypothetical
Lemmiscus curtatus	Sagebrush vole	hypothetical
Microtus longicaudus	Long-tailed vole	hypothetical
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