





An interactive guide on the top ten most common winter rodents, where they can be found, factors that could increase the chances of a home infestation, and preventive and remedial actions to take in the case of an infestation.

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NORWAY RAT (aka Brown rat)

Classification:

Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found: Urban areas, near waterways

Where it's found on the house: Can be found either inside or outside the property

Factors leading to house invasion: Food availability, poor sanitation, easy access points

Prevention tips:

Seal cracks, store food properly, eliminate water sources.

Actions in case of infestation:

Call pest control. Use traps or baits

ROOF RAT (aka Black rat)

Classification:

Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found:

Coastal and urban areas, particularly near buildings

Where it's found on the house:

Often inside attics, ceilings

Factors leading to house invasion:

Open vents, tree branches close to roofs

Prevention tips:

Trim branches near roof, seal vents, inspect roof regularly

Actions in case of infestation: Professional rodent exclusion and trapping

HOUSE MOUSE



Classification:

Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found:

Found in all areas, particularly urban and rural houses

Where it's found on the house:

Inside homes and buildings

Factors leading to house invasion:

Easy access to food and warmth during winter



Seal entry points, clean up food, maintain storage areas

Actions in case of infestation:

Set traps, use bait stations







Classification: Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found: Rural, forests, and grasslands

Where it's found on the house: Typically outside but may invade homes

Factors leading to house invasion: Colder temperatures, close proximity to fields

Prevention tips: Repair holes in walls, seal cracks, secure windows

Actions in case of infestation: Professional pest control, monitor for Hantavirus

RACCOON

Classification: Mammal (Procyonidaetia)

Areas found: Urban, suburban, and forested areas

Where it's found on the house: Found in attics, chimneys

Factors leading to house invasion: Food availability, open garbage, easy attic access

Prevention tips: Secure trash cans, close chimneys, seal openings

Actions in case of infestation: Contact wildlife removal services

COTTON RAT



Classification:

Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found:

Grasslands and fields, agricultural areas

Where it's found on the house:

Mostly outdoors

Factors leading to house invasion:

Proximity to farmland, cold weather

Prevention tips:

Maintain clean yards, remove tall grass and debris

Actions in case of infestation: Rodent control program



SQUIRREL



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Classification: Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found: Wooded and suburban areas

Where it's found on the house: Inside attics or chimneys

Factors leading to house invasion: Tree branches near homes, unsealed vents

Prevention tips:

Trim branches near home, install chimney caps

Actions in case of infestation: Professional trapping and removal

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OPOSSUM



Classification:

Mammal (Didelphimorphia)

Areas found:

Found in wooded areas and near water

Where it's found on the house:

Inside garages, sheds, attics

Factors leading to house invasion: Shelter from cold, food

access

Prevention tips:

Secure trash, repair entry points, block crawl spaces

Actions in case of infestation:

Professional removal, check for structural damage

ARMADILLO



Classification: Mammal (Cingulata)

Areas found: Found in rural and forested areas

Where it's found on the house:

Primarily outside

Factors leading to house invasion: Loose soil for burrowing, soft ground, near foundations

Prevention tips:

Remove easy access to under structures, maintain yards

Actions in case of infestation:

Humane trapping and relocation

FIELD MICE (aka Meadow Voles)

Classification:

Mammal (Rodentia)

Areas found:

Meadows, grasslands, suburban fields

Where it's found on the house:

Mostly outdoors, but may enter in winter

Factors leading to house invasion:

Cold temperatures, food scarcity

Prevention tips:

Clean up garden debris, maintain outdoor sheds

Actions in case of infestation:

Set traps around entrances, consult pest services

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