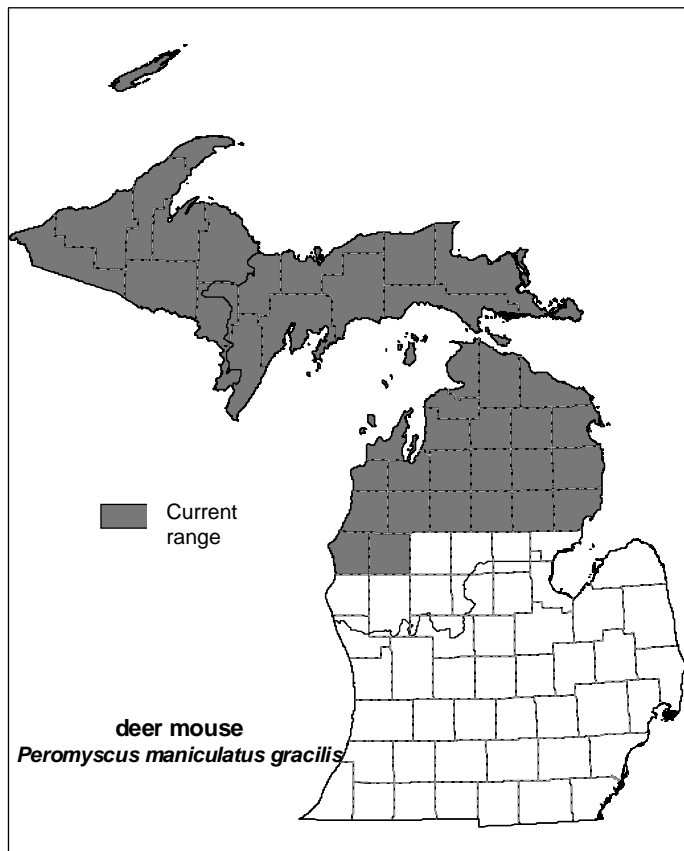


MAMMALS



deer mouse

(*Peromyscus maniculatus gracilis*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Deer mouse populations regularly fluctuate, and abundance at the beginning of the 20th century was very high in a number of counties. Evidence exists that the range of the northern subspecies of deer mouse may be constricting northward.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: idle/old field; row crop; savanna; lowland shrub; upland shrub; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; forest opening; bog; inland emergent wetland; coastal dune/beach; edge; snag/cavity; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: climate change; invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge; unknown

COMMENTS: Increase and range expansion of white-footed mouse appears to be resulting in a northward range contraction in this subspecies. White-footed mouse expansion may be due to warmer climatic conditions. Multiple sub-species of *P. maniculatus* occur in Michigan, but only this one is currently of concern. House cats (including feral cats) and dogs may pose a significant threat to this species. A threats assessment is needed for this species.