

Rattus rattus  [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Rodentia	Muridae

Common name Hausratte (German), European house rat (English), bush rat (English), blue rat (English), ship rat (English), roof rat (English), black rat (English)

Synonym *Mus rattus* , Linnaeus, 1758
Mus alexandrinus , Geoffroy, 1803
Musculus frugivorus , Rafinesque, 1814
Mus novaezelandiae , Buller, 1870

Similar species *Rattus norvegicus*

Summary A native of the Indian sub-continent, the ship rat (*Rattus rattus*) has now spread throughout the world. It is widespread in forest and woodlands as well as being able to live in and around buildings. It will feed on and damage almost any edible thing. The ship rat is most frequently identified with catastrophic declines of birds on islands. It is very agile and often frequents tree tops searching for food and nesting there in bunches of leaves and twigs.



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Species Description

A slender rat with large hairless ears, the ship rat (*Rattus rattus*) may be grey-brown on the back with either a similarly coloured or creamish-white belly, or it may be black all over. The uniformly-coloured tail is always longer than the head and body length combined. Its body weight is usually between 120 and 160 g but it can exceed 200 g.

The work of Yosida (1980) and his co-workers has shown that there are two forms of *R. rattus* that differ in chromosome number. The more widespread Oceanic form has 38 chromosomes and is the ship rat of Europe, the Mediterranean region, America, Australia and New Zealand. Present indications are that it is the Oceanic form that has reached islands in the South Pacific, but studies are needed to confirm this. The Asian form has probably reached some islands north of the equator, e.g. the Caroline Islands. On the basis of colour variation in rats on Ponape and Koror Islands, described by Johnson (1962) as *Rattus rattus mansorius*, we suspect that these rats may be the Asian form of *R. rattus* (SPREP, 2000).

Notes

Ship rats can be widespread, utilising most habitat types, but they show a preference for drier habitats. They generally avoid swimming.

Lifecycle Stages

Rattus rattus: gestation 20-22 days; weaning 21-28 days; sexual maturity 3-4 months; total life may not exceed two years.

Habitat Description

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Reproduction

A placental mammal with dependent young. Litter size 3-10 (average 5-8), with frequency of litters dependent on season and food supply. The interval between litters may be as little as 27 days.

Nutrition

Ship rats are omnivorous generalists, yet can be very selective feeders. They eat both plant and animal matter all year round.

A Japanese study showed that *R. rattus* is primarily herbivorous, but can change its food habits when it is thirsty, or when food is in short supply (Yabe, 2004).

General Impacts

The ship rat has directly caused or contributed to the extinction of many species of wildlife including birds, small mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, and plants, especially on islands. Ship rats are omnivorous and capable of eating a wide range of plant and animal foods. These include native snails, beetles, spiders, moths, stick insects and cicadas and the fruit of many different plants (Innes 1990). They also prey on the eggs and young of forest birds (Innes *et al.*, 1999). In the recovery programme for the endangered Rarotonga flycatcher or kakerori (see [Pomarea dimidiata in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)), Robertson *et al.* (1994) identified ship rats as the most important predator affecting the breeding success of this bird. Several cases are known where predation on seabirds can be reliably attributed to ship rats. These include sooty terns (see [Sterna fuscata in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)) in the Seychelles Islands (Feare, 1979), Bonin petrels (see [Pterodroma hypoleuca in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)) in Hawai'i (Grant *et al.*, 1981), Galapagos dark-rumped petrels (see [Pterodroma phaeopygia in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)) in the Galapagos Islands (Harris, 1970), and white-tailed tropicbirds (see [Phaethon lepturus in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)) in Bermuda (Gross, 1912).

The ship rat is most frequently identified with catastrophic declines of birds on islands. The best documented examples in the Pacific region are Midway Island in the Leeward Islands of Hawai'i (Johnson, 1945; Fisher and Baldwin, 1946), Lord Howe Island (Hindwood, 1940; Recher and Clark, 1974) and Big South Cape Island, New Zealand (Atkinson and Bell, 1973). Atkinson (1977) brought together circumstantial evidence suggesting that ship rats, rather than disease, were responsible for the decline of many species of Hawai'ian native birds during the 19th century.

There are few indications of rat-induced declines in native birds on islands nearer the equator (latitude 15°N to 20°S). This zone coincides with the distribution of native land crabs, animals that also prey on birds and their eggs. The long co-existence between land crabs and some island birds may have resulted in the development of behaviours among the birds that gives them a degree of protection against rats. Atkinson (1985) suggested that this might be the reason why rat-induced catastrophes are less apparent within the equatorial zone, but this hypothesis has never been tested (SPREP, 2000).

Species of weight similar to or smaller than that of rats appear to be the most vulnerable to predation. Impacts also appear to be more severe on smaller islands, where rat densities tend to be higher and do not fluctuate. Constant predation pressure results in a reduction in colony size on these islands (Martin *et al.*, 2000).

Both *R. rattus* and *R. norvegicus* transmit the plague bacterium (*Yersinia pestis*) via fleas in certain areas of the world. There have been a series of recent outbreaks in Madagascar in recent years (Boiser *et al.* 2002).

Management Info

Preventative measures: Research has shown that it can often be difficult to eradicate rats from islands in the early stages of invasion, hence it is better to prevent rodents arriving on islands in the first place. Eliminating a single invading rat can be disproportionately difficult because of atypical behaviour by the rat in the absence of conspecifics, and because bait can be less effective in the absence of competition for food ([Russell et al., 2005](#)). [Weihong et al. \(1999\)](#) provide useful information regarding the detection of rodent species using different trapping methods and bait.

Physical: The use of poison baits is the only proven way to remove rodents from large islands. Trapping generally fails to remove all individuals, as trap-shy animals can survive and repopulate the island (DOC, 2004). **Chemical:** *Rattus rattus* can be eradicated from small areas or seasonally controlled using proprietary rat poison products in an appropriate manner. The largest island to date from which ship rats have been eradicated is Barrow Island (23 000 ha, Western Australia) (Morris, 2002).

Second-generation anticoagulant poisons are used widely for ship rat control, but possible consequences of any ongoing control should always be considered. These consequences include primary or secondary poisoning of species we are aiming to protect or other non-target species, secondary poisoning of other vertebrate pests such as cats, and development of resistance to these poisons by ship rats. It is not known whether their tree-climbing habits will make eradication more difficult (SPREP, 2000).

Fisher et al. (2004) suggest that diphacinone especially, and also coumatetralyl and warfarin, should be evaluated in field studies as alternative rodenticides in New Zealand. Brodifacoum, the most widely used rodenticide in New Zealand currently, can acquire persistent residues in non-target wildlife. [Mineau et al. \(2004\)](#) presented a risk assessment of second generation rodenticides at the 2nd National Invasive Rodent Summit. [O'Connor and Eason \(2000\)](#) discusses the variety of baits which are available for use on offshore islands in New Zealand.

An investigation [Spurr et al. \(2007\)](#) was carried out to assess the behavioural response of ship rats to four different bait station types. Yellow plastic pipe, wooden box ('rat motel'), and wooden tunnel bait stations were found all suitable for surveillance of ship rats and the first two at least for Norway rats (all were readily entered and had a similar amount of bait eaten from them).

Biological: Contraceptive methods of control are currently experimental, but the potential for effective control using contraceptive methods is promising. National Wildlife Research Center (USA) scientists are working on several possible formulations that may make effective oral immunisation possible (Nash and Miller, 2004).

Integrated management: [Guidelines for the Eradication of Rats From Islands Within the Falklands Group](#) offers guidelines for the eradication of rats from islands, based on the experiences in eradicating rats from the Falklands group. This paper offers guidelines for the eradication of rats from islands, based on the experiences in eradicating rats from the Falklands group.

Pathway

Rattus rattus usually stow away in freight carried within the hull, holds and living spaces of ships

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[1] AMERICAN SAMOA
[5] ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
[2] BAHAMAS
[1] BERMUDA

[1] ANGUILLA
[20] AUSTRALIA
[1] BARBADOS
[3] BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

[3] CANADA	[4] CAYMAN ISLANDS
[3] COOK ISLANDS	[1] CURACAO
[1] DOMINICA	[1] DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
[7] ECUADOR	[1] FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)
[11] FIJI	[4] FRANCE
[12] FRENCH POLYNESIA	[6] FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES
[1] GREECE	[2] GUADELOUPE
[1] GUAM	[1] INDONESIA
[4] ITALY	[1] JAMAICA
[8] KIRIBATI	[2] MALTA
[9] MARSHALL ISLANDS	[5] MARTINIQUE
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[4] MEXICO	[8] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF
[1] MONTSERRAT	[1] NAURU
[7] NEW CALEDONIA	[64] NEW ZEALAND
[1] NIUE	[4] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
[5] PALAU	[6] PAPUA NEW GUINEA
[1] PERU	[1] PORTUGAL
[1] PUERTO RICO	[1] REUNION
[1] SAINT BARTHELEMY	[3] SAINT HELENA
[1] SAINT LUCIA	[1] SAINT MARTIN (FRENCH PART)
[1] SAMOA	[1] SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
[6] SEYCHELLES	[10] SOLOMON ISLANDS
[2] SPAIN	[1] TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF
[3] TONGA	[1] TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
[1] TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	[3] TUVALU
[1] UNITED KINGDOM	[19] UNITED STATES
[3] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	[6] VANUATU
[2] VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	[1] VIRGIN ISLANDS, U.S.
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Red List assessed species 222: EX = 21; EW = 1; CR = 43; EN = 53; VU = 57; NT = 24; DD = 4; LC = 19;

Acomys nesiotus DD	Acrocephalus aequinoctialis EN
Acrocephalus caffer EN	Acrocephalus kerearako NT
Acrocephalus rimatarae VU	Acrocephalus rodericanus EN
Acrocephalus taiti VU	Aegialomys galapagoensis VU
Afroablepharus africana VU	Alectroenas rodericana EX
Alectryon macrococcus CR	Alsophis antiquae CR
Amaurocichla bocagei VU	Anisomys imitator LC
Aphrastura masafuerae CR	Aplonis cinerascens VU
Aplonis fusca EX	Aplonis pelzelni CR
Atlantisia rogersi VU	Bostrychia bocagei CR
Branta sandvicensis VU	Bulweria bulwerii LC
Callaeas cinereus EN	Camarhynchus heliobates CR
Camarhynchus pauper CR	Cettia haddeni NT
Charmosyna amabilis CR	Chasiempis ibidis EN
Chelonia mydas EN	Clytorhynchus sanctaecrucis EN
Columba bollii LC	Columba junoniae NT
Columba trocaz LC	Coracina newtoni CR
Coracina typica VU	Corvus hawaiiensis EW
Cyanolimnas cerverai CR	Cyanoramphus auriceps NT
Cyanoramphus cookii EN	Cyanoramphus saisseti VU
Dendrocygna arborea VU	Ducula aurorae EN

[Ducula galeata](#) EN
[Eleutherodactylus orcutti](#) CR
[Epicrates monensis](#) EN
[Eudypetes schlegeli](#) VU
[Eunymphicus cornutus](#) VU
[Falco eleonorae](#) LC
[Ferminia cerverai](#) EN
[Foudia rubra](#) EN
[Fregata aquila](#) VU
[Gallicolumba erythroptera](#) CR
[Gallinula nesiotis](#) VU
[Gerygone modesta](#) VU
[Haematopus chathamensis](#) EN
[Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae](#) NT
[Hypsipetes olivaceus](#) VU
[Lanius newtoni](#) CR
[Larus audouinii](#) NT
[Larus fuliginosus](#) VU
[Leiopelma hochstetteri](#) VU
[Leptodactylus fallax](#) CR
[Megalurulus mariei](#) LC
[Melamprosops phaeosoma](#) CR
[Mesembriomys macrurus](#) LC
[Mesocapromys auritus](#) EN
[Mesocapromys sanfelipensis](#) CR
[Mimus melanotis](#) EN
[Moho bishopi](#) EX
[Mohoua ochrocephala](#) EN
[Myadestes palmeri](#) CR
[Mystacina robusta](#) CR
[Neospiza concolor](#) CR
[Nesofregatta fuliginosa](#) EN
[Nesoryzomys darwini](#) EX
[Nesoryzomys indefessus](#) EX
[Nesoryzomys swarthi](#) VU
[Notiomystis cincta](#) VU
[Oligoryzomys victus](#) EX
[Oreomystis bairdi](#) CR
[Oryzomys gorgasi](#) EN
[Otus capnodes](#) CR
[Pachycephala jacquinoti](#) NT
[Palmeria dolei](#) CR
[Phalacrocorax aristotelis](#) LC
[Phalacrocorax harrisi](#) VU
[Phoboscincus bocourti](#) EN
[Phoebastria irrorata](#) CR
[Pomarea dimidiata](#) EN
[Pomarea iphis](#) VU
[Pomarea nigra](#) CR
[Pomarea whitneyi](#) CR
[Porzana palmeri](#) EX
[Procellaria cinerea](#) NT
[Procellaria parkinsoni](#) VU
[Progne modesta](#) VU
[Eleutherodactylus cooki](#) VU
[Emberiza socotrana](#) VU
[Eretmochelys imbricata](#) CR
[Eumeces longirostris](#) CR
[Eunymphicus uvaeensis](#) EN
[Falco punctatus](#) VU
[Foudia flavicans](#) VU
[Foudia sechellarum](#) NT
[Fulica alai](#) VU
[Gallicolumba kubaryi](#) VU
[Gerygone insularis](#) EX
[Gymnuromys roberti](#) LC
[Haematopus meadewaldoi](#) EX
[Hydromys chrysogaster](#) LC
[Isodon auratus](#) VU
[Lariscus obscurus](#) NT
[Larus cachinnans](#) LC
[Leiopelma hamiltoni](#) EN
[Leiopelma pakeka](#) VU
[Loxioides bailleui](#) CR
[Megapodius laperouse](#) EN
[Melomys fraterculus](#) CR
[Mesocapromys angelcabrerai](#) EN
[Mesocapromys nanus](#) CR
[Mimus macdonaldi](#) VU
[Mimus trifasciatus](#) CR
[Moho braccatus](#) EX
[Mundia elpenor](#) EX
[Mysateles meridionalis](#) CR
[Myzomela chermesina](#) VU
[Nesocichla eremita](#) NT
[Nesoromys ceramicus](#) EN
[Nesoryzomys fernandinae](#) VU
[Nesoryzomys narboroughi](#) VU
[Nestor meridionalis](#) EN
[Oceanodroma homochroa](#) EN
[Oligosoma acrinasum](#) NT
[Oreomystis mana](#) EN
[Oryzomys nelsoni](#) EX
[Otus insularis](#) EN
[Pachyptila vittata](#) LC
[Peromyscus madrensis](#) EN
[Phalacrocorax featherstoni](#) EN
[Philesturnus carunculatus](#) NT
[Phoebastria albatrus](#) VU
[Phoebetria fusca](#) EN
[Pomarea fluxa](#) EX
[Pomarea mira](#) EX
[Pomarea nukuhivae](#) EX
[Porzana atra](#) VU
[Procellaria aequinoctialis](#) VU
[Procellaria conspicillata](#) VU
[Procellaria westlandica](#) VU
[Prosobonia cancellata](#) EN

Pseudobulweria rostrata	NT	Psittacula eques	EN
Psittirostra psittacea	CR	Pterodroma alba	EN
Pterodroma cahow	EN	Pterodroma cookii	VU
Pterodroma hasitata	EN	Pterodroma hypoleuca	LC
Pterodroma inexpectata	NT	Pterodroma leucoptera	VU
Pterodroma madeira	EN	Pterodroma magentae	CR
Pterodroma phaeopygia	CR	Pterodroma sandwichensis	VU
Pterodroma solandri	VU	Ptilinopus chalcurus	VU
Ptilinopus coralensis	NT	Ptilinopus insularis	VU
Ptilinopus rarotongensis	VU	Puffinus auricularis	CR
Puffinus bulleri	VU	Puffinus griseus	NT
Puffinus mauretanicus	CR	Puffinus newelli	EN
Puffinus pacificus	LC	Puffinus yelkouan	NT
Rallus longirostris	LC	Rattus adustus	DD
Rattus bontanus	DD	Rattus elaphinus	NT
Rattus enganus	DD	Rattus feliceus	NT
Rattus hainaldi	EN	Rattus jobiensis	NT
Rattus lugens	EN	Rattus macleari	EX
Rattus nativitatis	EX	Rattus simalurensis	EN
Rattus tunneyi	LC	Rhynchotos jubatus	EN
Rowettia goughensis	CR	Sabal bermudana	EN
Saxicola dacotiae	NT	Spheniscus humboldti	VU
Spheniscus mendiculus	EN	Sterna dougalii	LC
Sterna hirundo	LC	Sylvilagus graysoni	EN
Synthliboramphus craveri	VU	Synthliboramphus hypoleucus	VU
Synthliboramphus wumizusume	VU	Terpsiphone corvina	CR
Todiramphus gambieri	CR	Todiramphus godeffroyi	CR
Todiramphus ruficollaris	VU	Tokudaia osimensis	EN
Trichocichla rufa	EN	Troglodytes cobbi	VU
Turnagra capensis	EX	Turnagra tanagra	EX
Vini kuhlii	EN	Vini peruviana	VU
Vini ultramarina	EN	Xenicus longipes	EX
Xerocrassa caroli	LC	Xerocrassa ebusitana	NT
Zoothera margaretae	NT	Zosterops albogularis	CR
Zosterops chloronothus	CR	Zosterops modestus	EN
Zosterops strenuus	EX	Zosterops tenuirostris	EN

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Summary: Abstract: The association between capture success of stoats (*Mustela erminea*) and ship rats (*Rattus rattus*) and landscape-scale environmental predictors was explored using trapping data from three stoat control areas located in podocarp/broadleaved forest in New Zealand. Stoat capture success was higher at trap sites where a rat was also captured at the same trap or a stoat was captured at a neighbouring trap. Drier trap sites with good soil drainage and increased proximity to the operational trapping boundary were also associated with increased stoat capture. Rat capture success was higher at trap sites where a rat had been captured at a neighbouring trap, and at trap sites that were on steeper ground, more easterly facing and within forest habitat. Trap sites with generally poor soil conditions, i.e. sites with lower soil calcium levels and wetter sites with poor drainage, and increasing distance from the forest edge were also associated with increased rat capture. There were highly variable relationships between rat and stoat capture and landscape-scale environmental predictors between the three stoat control areas. This could be due to differing topography, but also to the highly correlated nature of many of the topographic, climate and habitat predictors. Further research specifically designed to separate these effects should focus on the variables identified as common between all stoat control areas in this study. Additional investigations of whether rats captured in double trap sets act as additional bait for stoats would have practical benefits for stoat control areas. The variability of the results emphasises the importance of ensuring that traps are abundant and widespread in stoat control operations.

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GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Rattus rattus*

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Summary: The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species provides taxonomic, conservation status and distribution information on taxa that have been globally evaluated using the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. This system is designed to determine the relative risk of extinction, and the main purpose of the IUCN Red List is to catalogue and highlight those taxa that are facing a higher risk of global extinction (i.e. those listed as Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable). The IUCN Red List also includes information on taxa that are categorized as Extinct or Extinct in the Wild; on taxa that cannot be evaluated because of insufficient information (i.e. are Data Deficient); and on taxa that are either close to meeting the threatened thresholds or that would be threatened were it not for an ongoing taxon-specific conservation programme (i.e. are Near Threatened).

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Invasive species - mammals is available from: http://www.conabio.gob.mx/invasoras/index.php/Especies_invasoras_-_Mam%C3%ADferos [Accessed 30 July 2008]

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