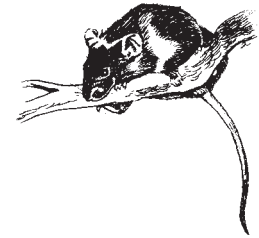



Taxonomy



Class:	Mammalia	
Order:	Rodentia (3000 different species, nearly one-half of all known mammals are rodents)	
Sub Order:	Myomorpha (common characteristics are the 2 pair of chisel-like self sharpening incisors that grow continuously; also known as gnawers)	
Family:	Muridae (500 species; the largest family in the mammals class)	Genus: <i>Rattus</i> Species: <i>Rattus norvegicus</i> (i.e.: brown rat, wharf rat, Norway rat) <i>Rattus rattus</i> (i.e.: black rat, roof rat, fruit rat)
		Genus: <i>Mus</i> Species: <i>Mus musculus</i> (i.e.: house mouse)

