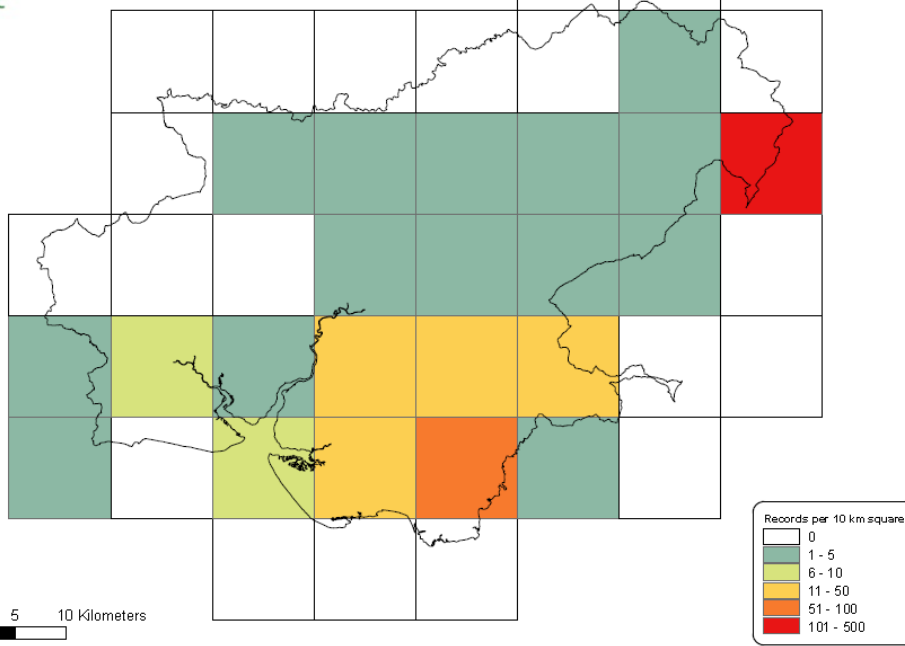


Dormouse Record Density in Carmarthenshire - May 2017



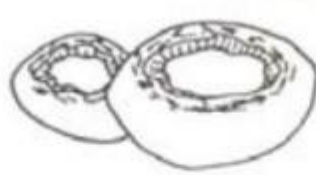
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Absence of a species record does not necessarily mean absence of that species - simply that no records are held. If you have suitable habitat and want to know if there are records of dormice near where you live then please contact the West Wales Biodiversity information Centre - www.wwbic.org.uk

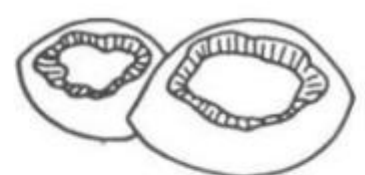
Dormice eat a wide variety of food, including flowers, fruits and some insects. One straightforward way to see if you have dormice in your area is to look for chewed hazel nuts in hedgerows and woodland with hazel – see below.



The dormouse carves an almost smooth inner rim and the toothmarks are at an angle to the hole on the nut surface.



The wood mouse leaves parallel toothmarks on the inner rim and rough marks on the surface.



The bank vole leaves neat parallel grooves on the inner rim, but no toothmarks on the nut surface.

Hazel nuts are chewed differently by dormice, wood mice and bank voles. Photo credit: PTES



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Squirrel chewed nuts. Cracked and shattered – not chewed