

# Pest Bio

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## Deer/Field Mouse



American Deer mice are often used for laboratory experimentation due to their self cleanliness and easy care.

Deer mice can reproduce throughout the year but most often between March and October. Their breeding is determined more by the availability of food than the seasons. Females construct nests using grasses, roots, moss, wool and various artificial fibers. The females allow males to help nest the litter and keep them warm for survival. Litters can range from 1-9 young but usually average 3-5 young. In less than 30 days the young are weaned, fully furred and independent.

**Call Barrier for help managing Deer/Field Mice**

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### DIET

Deer/Field Mice are omnivores, they mainly eat seeds, fruits, arthropods, leaves and fungi. Their eating habits change seasonally and they will eat what is available.

### HABITAT

Most Deer/Field mice nest high up in hollow trees. They are also very abundant in farmland. They are very active in their habitat and can also be found both above and below the snow in the winter months.

### BEHAVIOR

Deer/Field mice usually live in individual home ranges. Home ranges can overlap but usually only with the opposite sex. Mice that have overlapping ranges usually recognize and interact with each other.

### Deer/Field Mouse Facts:

Size: 3-4"

Shape: Round

Color: Brown/Grey w/  
Light Feet & Belly

Legs: 4

Wings: No

Antenna: No

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Craniata

Class:

-Mammalia

Order:

-Rodentia

Family:

-Cricetidae

Genus:

-Peromyscus