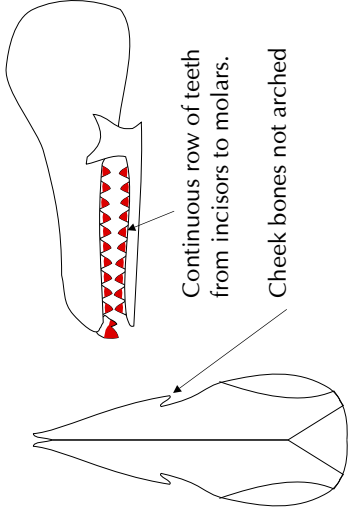


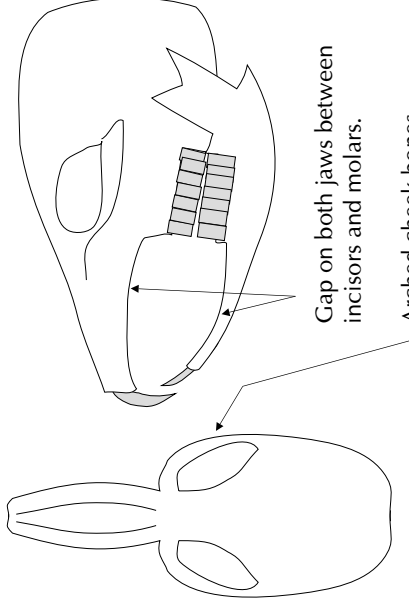
Identification of skulls found in Owl Pellets

Shrews



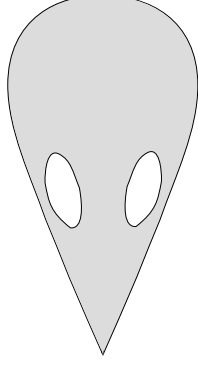
Continuous row of teeth from incisors to molars.
Cheek bones not arched

Rodents



Gap on both jaws between incisors and molars.
Arched cheek bones.

Other Animals



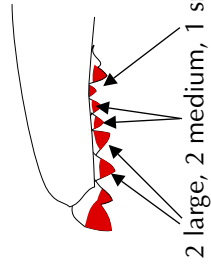
Beetles
Look for undigested wing cases.

Lizards and Snakes

Birds.
No teeth.
Some long, strong but light bones may be present.
Bones may still be linked by tendons.
Gizzard may still be present.

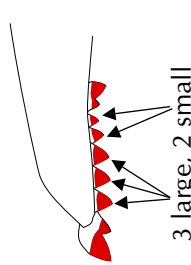
Both jaws have many very small teeth.

Upper Jaws of Shrews



Common Shrew
Lower teeth usually brown.
Lower jaw 11- 12mm in length.

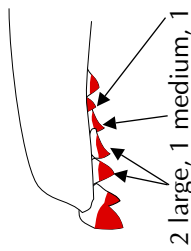
2 large, 2 medium, 1 small



Pygmy Shrew

Lower jaw length under 11mm.

3 large, 2 small



Water Shrew

2 large, 1 medium, 1 small

Vole Teeth

Teeth usually brown in both species:

Bank Vole

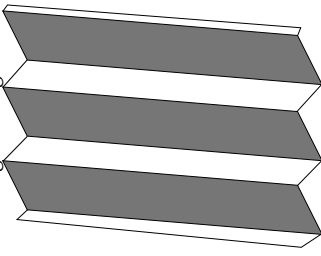


Rounded edges

Short-tailed Vole



Angular edges.



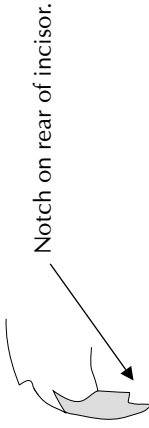
Uniform cross section
Tooth falls out easily.

2 roots
Tooth hard to extract

Mouse teeth

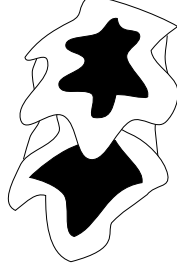
Teeth usually white, shorter & rounder than in voles.

House Mouse



Notch on rear of incisor.

Wood Mouse



Second molar from upper jaw.

Harvest Mouse

Very small.

Skull length under 20mm.