

Utah Mammals 2009

July 21 & 22: We headed up to the Bear Lake area to mist net for bats with some biologists from the Utah Department of Natural Resources. On the way up the gravel road we saw many **Mountain Cottontails** and a couple of **Uinta Ground Squirrels**. We met the biologist at a little pond about an hour before sunset. We set up 3 nets: one 18meters long, one 12 meters long and one 9 meters long. The first animal collected was a Common Nighthawk. We then collected a number of **Little Brown Myotis**, one **Big Brown Bat** and at the end of the night, about 2:30am we collected one **Long-eared Myotis**. On the way back down Logan Canyon we saw many **Mule Deer**.

July 22 – 26: During the time we spent n Logan UT we saw a few **Red Squirrels** in my in law's yard. We also saw a few **Muskrats** along the dams of the Logan River.

July 27: Next stop was in Cedar City, UT. The first evening we headed west out of Cedar City to the Ironworks. At the Ironworks we saw **Desert Cottontails** and **Black-tailed Jackrabbits**. We did some road cruising that night and saw many **Ord's Kangaroo Rats** and a **Striped Skunk**.

July28: In Zion National Park we added the **Uinta Chipmunk** and the **Rock Squirrel**.

July 29: We drove up to the summit of Brian Head. On the way up we saw many **Yellow-bellied Marmots** and **Golden-mantled Ground Squirrels**. At the very top of the Mountain in some of the talus area we found and photographed a **Northern Pika** hiding in the rocks. Later that evening while road cruising through Cedar Breaks National Monument, sadly, a vole ran under our car we got out and identified it as a **Montane Vole**. We luckily avoided 35 **Mule deer** while road cruising near Cedar Breaks.

July 30: In Capitol Reef National Park we saw **Cliff Chipmunk**, **Bighorn Sheep** and **White-tailed Antelope Squirrels**.

July 31: While heading into and out of Goblin Valley State Park there were several **Pronghorn** running along side our car.

Aug 1: As we were heading into Moab, UT we saw **White-tailed Prairie Dogs**. On Hell's Revenge a **Western Pipistrelle** made a nice slow flyby that gave us good looks at it. It then landed on a rock where could get an even better look at it.

Aug 2: In Canyonlands National Park we saw **Hopi Chipmunks**.

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Aug 3: In Echo Basin, CO we saw **Golden-mantled Ground Squirrels** and one **Abert's Squirrel**.

Aug 4: In Mesa Verde National Park we saw **Mule Deer, Gunnison Prairie Dogs, Colorado and Least Chipmunks.**

Aug 5: Driving through Manchos, CO we saw a **Beaver** on a small pond on the side of the highway.

Aug 5 & 6: On Antelope Island there were **Bison, Pronghorn and North American Deer Mice** on the causeway.