

**SAN JOAQUIN POCKET MOUSE  
(PEROGNATHUS INORNATUS)**

*Description*

The San Joaquin pocket mouse is a small-sized pocket mouse, with a head and body length of about 2.5-3 inches. The tail is long or slightly longer than the body, slightly pencil-shaped, faintly bicolored, and tufted. These mice have buffy to pinkish, soft fur with black hairs on the back, and are white below.

*Habitat*

These mice inhabit arid annual grasslands, savanna, and desert shrub associations. Substrates are generally sandy

or otherwise fine-textured soils. Their burrow entrances are about an inch in diameter.

*Range/distribution*

Throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Photo: Not yet available.

*References*

ESRP, Modified Natural Environmental Study Report for Surveys Conducted Along State Route 165, Merced County, California, September 2000.