

## The Small Mammals of Southeastern Virginia as Revealed by Pitfall Trapping

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### ABSTRACT

Pitfall trapping is a poor method to catch small mammals but the only way to catch and study the Southeastern Shrew (*Sorex longirostris*), the primary mammal of interest in the field studies reported here. While learning much about its distribution and abundance, still more was learned about the other small mammals present in forests and fields of eastern Virginia. A total of 15 species was captured at 19 locations during the 1990-2013 period, including five shrews, two moles, and eight rodents, representing all but one of the common small mammals in eastern Virginia.

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