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Meriones IN IRAN(1)

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SUMMARY

Eight species of genus Meriones have been recognized so far in Iran. In all of the species sole at least partly, is often fully haired except in M.persicus.

Characters:-Upper incisors one-grooved.

- The bullae are variable in this genus, in some forms relatively small, at maximum development as Crassus.
- Tail fully haired and tufted terminally.
- Except M.persicus key for identification of species of genus Meriones, is based chiefly on measurement of skulls type, as indicated that in percentage of bullae against occipitonasal length.

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Eight species of genus Meriones have been recorded so far in Iran. In all of the species Meriones libycus and Meriones persicus which are found in most parts of the country, the other species live only in some special regions and have not been seen elsewhere. (See all the maps and figures in Farsi text)

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