



NUT HUNT



1.

CHOOSE A FOREST

Choose a forest to gather the nuts. You can choose any forest in the country, as long as it is mixed broadleaf, with shrubs and at least one hazel bush.

On the map you can see the marked areas where we know hazel dormice live (blue) and where they have been found before (red). Feel free to choose a forest either within, or outside of the markings. Who knows, maybe you will put a new area on the map?

Remember to always have permission to travel in a private forest!



2.

FIND A HAZEL BUSH

Find a hazel bush in the forest, where there are a lot of fallen nuts on the forest floor. You can typically find both acorns, from oak trees and hazelnuts from hazel bushes. The hazel dormouse prefers hazel nuts.

It is **important** that you remember to note the coordinates of the location. This can be done in apps like Google Maps.



3.

COLLECT NUTS

Collect all the nuts you can find, that has visible gnaw marks, holes or other openings.

You can either identify the nuts at the location, or bring them home for later identification.



Oak



Hazel



IDENTIFY THE GNAWING MARKS

4.

Identify which animals have opened all the nuts you have collected.

If you find a nut that is split in half, it was most likely opened by a squirrel. If you find a nut with a perfectly round hole 8-10 mm in diameter, it is most likely the work of a small rodent.

Look for gnaw marks on the edge of the hole. It can be helpful to use a magnifying glass or zoom on your camera to see the marks better.

If the gnaw marks on the outer edge are angled along the hole and the inner edge is smooth, it is a hazel dormouse that has been at work. If there are gnaw marks on both the outer and inner edges, it is a wood mouse or a yellow-necked mouse, and if there is only one edge with gnaw marks, it is a bank vole.



DROP OFF THE GNAWED NUTS

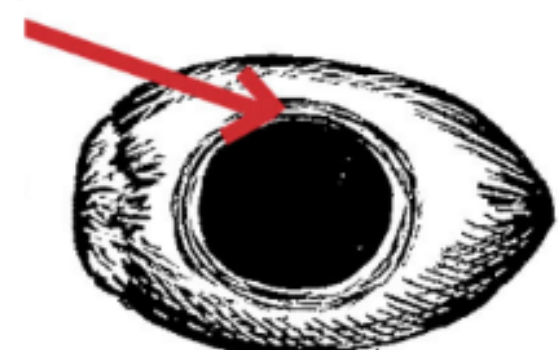
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If you have found some nuts, that you think have been gnawed on by the hazel dormouse, you can drop them off at one of our nutstations, for further analysis. The nutstations can be found at Naturama's website: www.naturama.dk/den-store-noeddejagt/.

It is **important** that you put the nuts in a bag or another container, and **remember** to include a note with clear coordinates on the location where the nuts were found, to ensure the best result as possible.

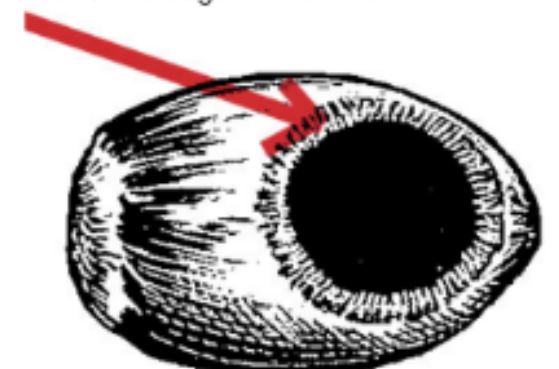
Hazel dormouse:
Have a smooth inner rim with toothmarks at an angle along the hole on the nut surface.

Hazel dormouse



Vole:
Have toothmarks across the inner rim of the nut but don't leave any marks on the surface, around the edge of the hole.

Vole



Yellow-necked mouse/wood mouse:
Have toothmarks both on the inner rim of the nut and also on the surface, around the edge of the hole.

Yellow-necked mouse/wood mouse



THANK YOU!

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