A Survey of the Non-flying Small Mammals at Several Elevations in and around the Crocker Range Park - Crocker Range Scientific Expedition 2002

ABSTRACT

A survey was conducted on the non-flying small mammals (<1kg) at three elevations (500 m, 1000 m, and 1400 m above sea level) inside Crocker Range Park and one elevation (100 m above sea level) outside Crocker Range Park. The purpose was to document several aspects of the small mammal community structure at these elevations. The variations in habitat structure and habitat-use patterns of the small mammals are described to explain the observed differences in the small mammal community structure across different elevations. Total trapping effort was 1080 trapnights with 106 individuals of small mammals comprising 14 species and five families caught at all elevations. One murid rodent, Niviventer rapit, caught at 1400m, is a new record for Crocker Range Park.