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## First records of *Microtus (Pitymys) felteni* in Albania

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A series of small mammals endemic to Albania comprises a portion of the collection of mammals at the National Museum (Natural History) in Prague. This material was collected by the members of the Institute of Parasitology of the Czechoslovakian Academy of Sciences in 1958. The collection consists of various species of rodents and shrews as well as two specimens of voles of the subgenus *Pitymys*, formerly determined by collectors as *Pitymys savii* (see DANIEL 1960). However, a recent reevaluation of these specimens left no doubt that they belong to *Microtus (Pitymys) felteni* (Malec and Storch, 1963). The validity of this determination is supported mainly by the pattern of enamel of the third upper molar, which is identical to that described by NIETHAMMER (1982).

Two specimens of this species were trapped on May 10, 1958 in the pass of Llogora (Mali i-Cikës Mts., Central Albania) at an altitude of approximately 1050 m above sea level. The skins and damaged skulls are preserved in our collections.

The body and some measurements of the skull are as follows (in mm): NM P6V-40132 (female ad.)/NM P6V-40133 (male juvenile): head and body 91/84; tail 28/25; hindfoot 15.5/14.5; ear 8/7; condylobasal length -/19.5; diastema length 6.6/5.8; zygomatic width -/12.2; least interorbital width 4.1/3.9; alveolar length of upper tooth row 5.7/4.9; alveolar length of lower tooth row 5.3/4.8.

According to the present knowledge on the general distribution of *Microtus (Pitymys) felteni* (NIETHAMMER 1982; BRUNET-LECOMTE 1990) we can conclude that these specimens represent the first records of this species in the territory of Albania at present.

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