



The Dark Kangaroo Mouse: *Microdipodops megacephalus*, an Endemic Species to North America

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Due to historically low trapping rates, little is known about the dark kangaroo mouse. Recent explorations near Beryl Utah have revealed a relatively dense population of this species in localized areas. The data collected using radio telemetry on population density, gender and burrowing habits are being correlated to the habitat parameters such as shrub density and species, which was collected through the point-quarter method, grass and forb presence, as determined by using a daubenmire frame, and soil characteristics. These correlations may indicate the specific requirements of this species. These specific requirements are key to understanding the ecological importance of the dark kangaroo mouse.

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