



COSEWIC Assessment Summary

Assessment Summary – April 2006

Common name

Ord's kangaroo rat

Scientific name

Dipodomys ordii

Status

Endangered

Reason for designation

The species requires sand dune habitat, which may disappear over the short term (10 years). The area of occupancy is only about 53 km² and only 1,000 or fewer individuals are alive at the end of most winters. There is strong evidence for local adaptations of the Canadian population and a rescue effect is extremely unlikely because the nearest population in the United States is 270 km away.

Occurrence

Alberta, Saskatchewan

Status history

Designated Special Concern in April 1995. Status re-examined and designated Endangered in April 2006. Last assessment based on an update status report.