

# Habitat Model for Species: Southern Plains Woodrat

*Neotoma micropus*

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## Landcover Category

### **12 - Sandsage Shrubland**

Braun and Mares, 1989

association chosen from habitat description in Mammalian Species account; usually inhabits rocky outcrops and shrubby grasslands, open areas dominated by short grass and cactus (*Opuntia* spp.), may also occupy rocky hillsides, ledges, or bluffs

Choate and Terry, 1974

4 wood rats captured in rangeland - SUBOPTIMAL habitat

Conditt and Ribble, 1997  
Garner, 1974  
Hill and Hibbard, 1943  
McCulloch, 1962

most of the woodrats were captured in or near sand plum (*Prunus angustifolia*) or skunkbush (*Rhus aromatica*) as well as in sheds and other range buildings; woodrats relatively scarce in this habitat; MARGINAL habitat

Thies and Caire, 1990

woodrat houses associated with two *Opuntia* spp., patches of cacti provided the greatest amount of cover near the ground, and they also provided the main foundation of the houses; cacti (*Opuntia* sp.) important source of food, water, shelter for woodrats

### **18 - Sand Prairie**

Yancey et al., 1995

### **22 - Mixed Prairie**

Hill and Hibbard, 1943  
Windberg, 1998  
Best et al., 1993

### **25 - Shortgrass Prairie**

Braun and Mares, 1989

association chosen from habitat description in Mammalian Species account; usually inhabits rocky outcrops, open areas dominated by short grass and cactus (*Opuntia* spp.), rocky hillsides, ledges, or bluffs; eats leaves, berries, roots, nuts, and seeds

Choate and Terry, 1974

4 wood rats captured in rangeland - SUBOPTIMAL habitat

Hill and Hibbard, 1943  
Wu et al., 1996

19 woodrats captured; woodrat dens constructed of sticks, cacti, and other materials

### **37 - Winterfat - Blue Grama Prairie - not mapped**

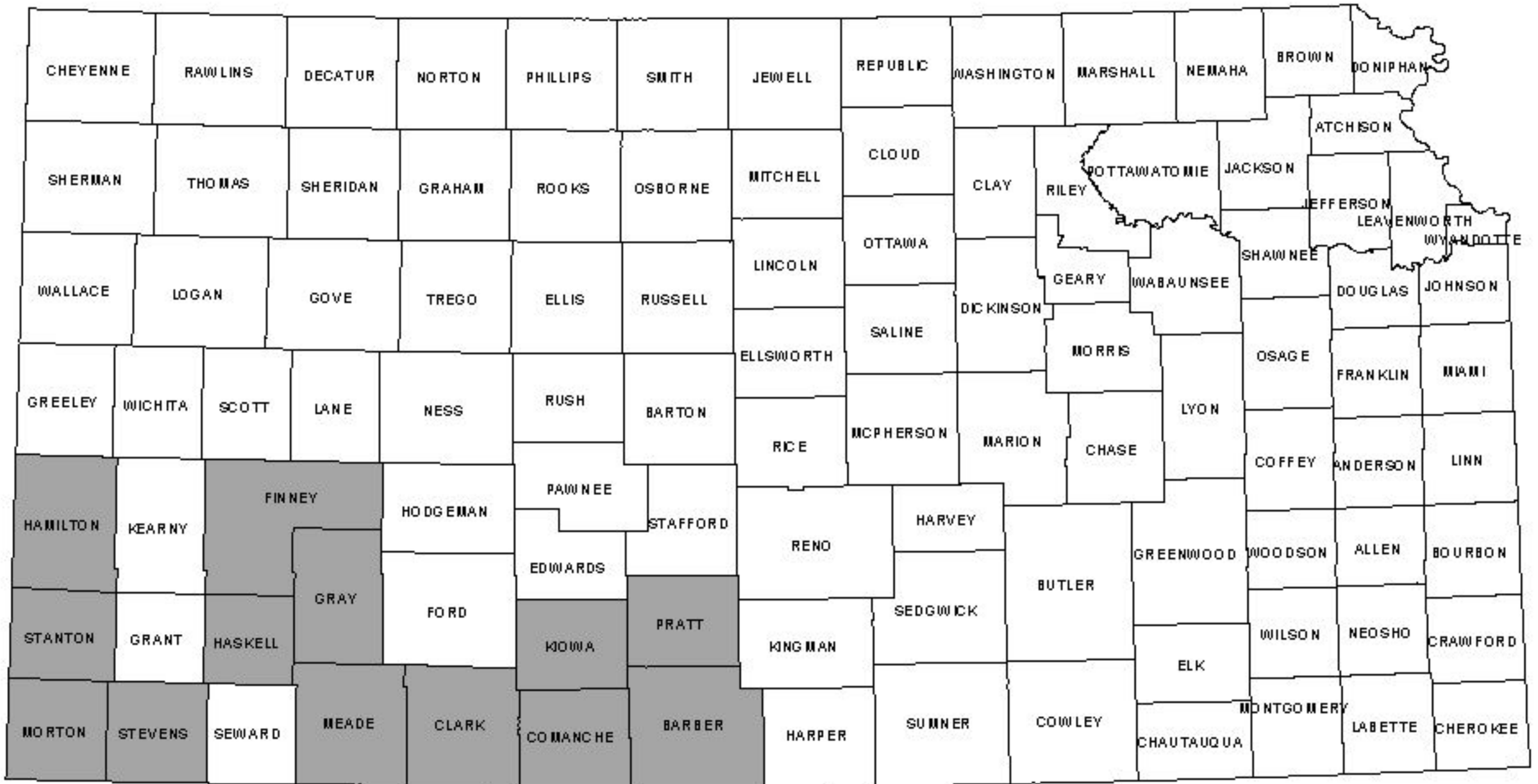
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3 wood rats captured; MARGINAL habitat

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Recorded presence
  No records

Recorded distribution include specimen records and observations collected during 1941-2000 from University of Kansas Museum of Natural History, Sternberg Museum of Natural History, a large to mid-sized mammal survey conducted by regional biologists and conservation officers from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and personal observations from professional mammalogists.

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