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An albino *Arvicola amphibius* from Czech Silesia (Rodentia: Cricetidae)

Albín hryzca vodného (*Arvicola amphibius*) z českého Sliezska (Rodentia: Cricetidae)

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Abstract. An albino specimen of the water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) collected at Kravaře, Opava dist. (Silesia, Czech Republic), on 17 May 1965, has been recently examined in the collection of the Šariš Museum Bardejov, Slovakia.

Key words. Water vole, albinism, Czech Silesia, Šariš Museum Bardejov.

In total, 36 specimens of the water vole, *Arvicola amphibius* (Linnaeus, 1758), are deposited in the collections of the Šariš Museum Bardejov. Only two of them (5.5%) originate from the Czech Republic and the rest is from the vicinity of Bardejov, eastern Slovakia. One of the two Czech specimens shows a complete albino colouration of the pelage (Fig. 1). The following data on the collection site, date as well as on the body dimensions of the respective specimen were obtained from the collection evidence; catalogue No. 111/65, female, Kravaře, 17 May 1965, leg. F. SCHNERT, det. T. WEISZ, prep. V. BORÚVKA; weight 59.5 g, head and body length 132.0 mm, tail length 86.4 mm, hind foot length 25.5 mm, ear length 10.0 mm (Fig. 1).

The data on colour anomalies in the water vole from the Czech Republic were presented by HERÁŇ & MAZÁK (1976). The collections of the Šariš Museum house several other atypically coloured specimens of mammals and birds (see ČANÁDY 2015, MIKULA et al. 2017).

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Fig. 1. An albino water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) from Czech Silesia in the collections of the Šariš Museum Bardejov (Slovakia); dorsal (a) and ventral (b) views.

Obr. 1. Albinotický hryzec vodný (*Arvicola amphibius*) z českého Sliezska v zbierkach Šarišského múzea v Bardejove; chrbtová (a) a brušná (b) strana.

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