

## Taelore's Ord Kangaroo Rat Diorama

### Questions

### Answers



1. Animal Latin Name and Common Name

Ord Kangaroo Rat or in Latin 'dipodomys ordii'

2. **Geographic Location**

Where is your animal found?

Ord Kangaroo Rat is living mostly in the United States. Its home is also located in some of Canada. The so called 'rat free' province of Alberta, Ord Kangaroo Rats are found. They Live in the sand dunes as well as in southern Saskatchewan.

3. **Habitat and Ecosystem**

a. How does your animal breathe?

My animal breaths just like you and I. Unlike some animals (i.e. frogs, toads ect.) They do not breathe through their skin. The breath using their nostrils and mouths.

b. How and where does it gather its food and what does it eat?

They gather food and hunt prey by hiding and bending into their surroundings. They eat mainly seeds and they also eat grasshoppers and beetles when available.

c. Describe where your animal lives.

My animal lives in the sand parts of Alberta and parts of southern Saskatchewan. But again it lives mostly in the USA.

d. What kind of shelter does your animal require?

Actually they require no pre made shelter. It is able to dig its own borrow.

4. **Predators**

Describe the predators that eat your animal.

Its predators are the common falcon and many other large birds. And like many food cycles it is near the bottom. Its predators are also common wolves and such.

5. **Describe any unique characteristics that your animal has or any interesting survival facts about your animal.**

The Kangaroo Rat has gold/sandy colored fur which allows it to blend in with its surroundings. Its large feet can allow it to jump up to 6 feet high.