



Northern bog lemming

In Alaska, the northern bog lemming lives throughout the Southeast and Interior to the Brooks Mountains. They occur anywhere that is cool and moist like bogs, wet meadows, and boreal forest. Northern bog lemmings make burrows in the ground in moss and grasses that provide lots of cover, food, and water. They have brown backs and grayish bellies. They are the size of a pet hamster, weighing about one ounce and growing up to 5 1/2 inches long. Although small, they are tough. They do not hibernate in winter, instead they stay active looking for food in tunnels under the snow. They also eat many types of food like plants and fungi, and even other animals like insects, snails, and slugs.

