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The Distribution Problem of *Crocidura russula* (Hermann, 1780) (Mammalia: Insectivora) in Turkey

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Abstract: In this study, to elucidate distribution problem of *Crocidura russula* (Hermann, 1780) species, 298 samples were taken from different geographical areas, type localities and record areas of Turkey, which were morphologically similar to *C. russula* were studied. The karyotypical and morphological characteristics of collected samples have been examined in detail. Those examined characteristics have been compared among themselves and compared to literature data. According to the comparative results, *C. russula* species is not distributed in Turkey and the Populations of *C. russula* reported previously in Turkey were belong to *Crocidura suaveolens* (Pallas, 1811).

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