



Northwest of Spain- September 2021

Recently, my friend Oscar Diez bought a house in Asturias, in a very privileged corner of the Cantabrian Mountains, near the well-known Brown Bears hotspot of Somiedo. Said this, it didn't take me long to pay him a visit. With very little free time due our job schedules, we decided to spend forty-eight-man-hours harvesting as many mammals as possible and focusing in small mammals. We got a total of 15 species. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: CNBocos@gmail.com

European Edible Dormouse (*Glis glis*) – seen at daytime inside abandoned buildings on the way up to Puerto Pajares, on the Asturias side of the mountain. Lovely animals!



European Snow Vole (*Chionomys nivalis*)- Seen well near Puerto Somiedo. Look at the picture of the header!

Common vole (*Microtus arvalis*)- seen well near Puerto Ventana, at night.

Yellow-necked Mouse (*Apodemus flavicollis*)- 2 seen on the Asturias side of Puerto Ventana, inside Beech forest.

Wood Mouse (*Apodemus sylvaticus*)- widespread, seen in a number of places, both nights.

Broom Hare (*Lepus castroviejoi*)- at least seven of this very range restricted hare. In Puerto Somiedo, Puerto de la Farrapona and Puerto Ventana.



Crowned Shrew (*Sorex coronatus*)- one seen in the lower part of Puerto Ventana. ID confirmed in hand.



Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*)- 3 singletons in three different villages (Fresnedo, Torrestio and Puerto Somiedo)

Greater Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*)- 6 inside an abandoned building near Valdelateja, on the way back home.

Lesser Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*)- hundreds in the same building where the previous species was.



Red Fox- 2 seen

Brown Bear- 2 seen in Somiedo, at usual spots. One near Llamardal and one near La Farrapona

Chamois- common near La Farrapona

Red Deer- several near La Farrapona

Roe Deer- 3 near La Farrapona