**Species - Melomys rubicola**

**Author Name**
Thomas, 1924

**Citation**

**Common Name**
Bramble Cay Melomys

**Type Locality**
Australia, Queensland, Torres Strait, Bramble Cay, about 9ES, 144EE; see Mahoney and Richardson (1988:163).

**Distribution**
Australia; endemic to Bramble Cay at the extreme N end of the Great Barrier Reef of Queensland (Limpus et al., 1983).

**Status**
Current as of 01.01.2008, please see corresponding Web site reference for most recent status.

IUCN: http://www.iucnredlist.org
CITES: http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/species.html

IUCN – Critically Endangered.

**Comments**
Studies of blood proteins and morphology suggested *M. rubicola* was closely related to *M. capensis*, which is endemic to Cape York in N Queensland (Limpus et al., 1983). Structure of sperm head described by Breed (1984). Reviewed by Watts (1995g).

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