

The Vlei Rat *Otomys irroratus* Recorded in the Mountain Zebra National Park

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De Graaff & Nel (1970, *Koedoe* 13: 147 – 149), Nel & Pretorius (1971, *Koedoe* 14: 99 – 110), De Graaff (1974, *Koedoe* 17: 173 – 183) and Grobler & Bronkhorst (1981, *Koedoe* 24: 193 – 198) have recorded mammal species occurring in the Mountain Zebra National Park. During the course of a parasite survey in this park, Prof. I.G. Horak (Tick Research Unit, Grahamstown) collected two specimens of *Otomys irroratus* (Brants, 1827). One of these specimens were identified by Dr. R.H.N. Smithers and the specimen is lodged in the Transvaal Museum collection (TM 38714). This is the first record of the vlei rat from this national park. Both specimens were collected in Laastekloof, one on 16 May 1984 and the other on 12 June 1984.