**Table 1. Characteristics of study species**

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| Species | Taxonomic  family | Abbreviation | Sample  size (n) | Average weight（g） | Diet |
| *Spermophilus alashanicus* | Sciuridae | SA | 7 | 165.89 | Plant foliage |
| *Phodopus roborovskii* | Cricetinae | PR | 10 | 14.99 | Seeds |
| *Dipus sagitta* | Dipodidae | DS | 10 | 67.89 | Plant foliage, seeds, insects |
| *Orientallactaga sibirica* | Dipodidae | OS | 10 | 95.73 | Some plant foliage, seeds, more insects |