

Classification and first identification

- _ **ORDER RODENTIA**
- _ **Suborder Sciuromorpha**
- _ **FAMILY SCIURIDAE** (Squirrels, chipmunks, marmots and prairie dogs)
- _ **Subfamily Sciurinae**
- _ **Genus *Cynomys***
- _ **Gunnison's Prairie Dog**, *Cynomys gunnisoni*
- _ **White-tailed Prairie Dog**, *Cynomys leucurus*
- _ **Black-tailed Prairie Dog**, *Cynomys ludovicianus*
- _ **Mexican Prairie Dog**, *Cynomys mexicanus*
- _ **Utah Prairie Dog**, *Cynomys parvidens*
- _ About 35 other genera in subfamily

The White-tailed Prairie Dog was described by Ludvig/Louis, and was named after the **1805 Lewis and Clark Expedition** where prairie dogs were first identified for scientific study.