



FIGURE 18.12. The rock pocket mouse, *Chaetodipus intermedius*, usually lives in light-colored rocks and has a correspondingly light coloration (*top left*). On several lava flows in the western United States, however, dark coat color has evolved, which better matches the dark volcanic rocks (*top right*). Mice on an inappropriate background are conspicuous (*bottom row*) and are likely to suffer greater predation by owls.

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