



LET'S LEARN ABOUT MOLES

TYPES OF MOLES

- Eastern Mole (Most Common)
- Hairy-tailed Mole
- Star-nosed Mole
- Broad-footed Mole
- Townsend's Mole
- Coast Mole
- American Shrew Mole

FUN FACTS

- 4-11" long, including tail
- Can dig tunnels at a rate of 15 feet per hour
- Although they may resemble mice and rats, they aren't rodents, instead they're insectivores
- More closely related to bats

SOURCES

- <https://www.havahart.com/mole-facts#facts>
- <https://study.com/academy/lesson/mole-animal-facts-lesson-for-kids.html>

HABITAT/RANGE

- Prefer to dig in soil that is loose and moist
- Most abundant in fields, meadows, orchards, and forests
- One mole's range can extend to 2.7 acres
- Complex burrowing system with separate areas for living and hunting
- 7 different species found throughout North America

DIET/LIFESPAN

- Insectivores
- Secondary consumers
- Eat mainly earthworms
- In the Wild, their lifespan is 3-6 years

WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT MOLES

- Considered a nuisance for agricultural production, lawns or gardens
- Often blamed for eating roots and seeds, but most are insectivores and almost never eat plants or plant matter

BENEFITS...WHY SHOULD WE CARE

- Burrows help conduct water away from surface during downpours
- Decrease erosion
- Their digging helps loosen the soil, and helps it drain better

MOLE CREATURE FEATURE

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