

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Atlantic mole crab

*Emerita talpoida*

The Atlantic mole crab is a small, burrowing crustacean commonly found along sandy beaches of the western Atlantic Ocean. Recognizable by its oval, domed body and lack of claws, this crab is an exper...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Hippidae

**Habitat:** Sandy intertidal zones along the Atlantic coast

**Diet:** Filter feeder

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 years

**Weight:** 1-3 grams

**Scientific name:** *Emerita talpoida*

### Did you know?

- Despite being called 'crabs,' Atlantic mole crabs are more closely related to shrimp than to true crabs.
- Atlantic mole crabs can bury themselves in less than two seconds to avoid predators. Unlike most crabs, they lack pincers and rely on their antennae ...

### What I learned

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