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Animal Fact Sheet

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European Mole

Talpa europaea

Talpa europaea is a specialist so extreme that almost every part of it is modified. Its front paws are turned permanently outward, palms facing sideways, and each carries an extra "thumb" — a sickle-…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Talpidae
Habitat: Underground burrows in grasslands, woodlands, and gardens
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 70–130 grams
Scientific name: Talpa europaea

Did you know?

- A single European Mole can eat its own body weight in food each day, consuming hundreds of earthworms, insects, and larvae.
- Molehills are not the tunnels but the spoil: the working tunnel is a permanent trap that intercepts worms falling into it, and the mole patrols it ra…

What I learned

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