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# Giant Golden Mole

*Chrysospalax trevelyani*

The Giant Golden Mole is a rare, subterranean mammal endemic to the forests of South Africa. Characterized by its dense, iridescent fur that shimmers with golden to bronze hues, this species is highl…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Chrysochloridae
**Habitat:** Temperate and subtropical forests
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Endangered
**Lifespan:** 4-6 years
**Weight:** 400-700 grams
**Scientific name:** Chrysospalax trevelyani

## Did you know?

- Despite their name, golden moles are more closely related to tenrecs and elephant shrews than to true moles.
- Giant Golden Moles are nearly blind and rely on their sensitive hearing and touch to navigate underground. Their fur is water-resistant, allowing the…

## What I learned

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