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Animal Fact Sheet

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Marsupial Mole

Notoryctes typhlops

Notoryctes typhlops of Australia's central deserts is one of the most extreme examples of convergent evolution among mammals. It is a marsupial, with no close relationship to true moles or to golden …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Notoryctidae
Habitat: Arid desert and semi-arid sandy regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 40-70 grams
Scientific name: Notoryctes typhlops

Did you know?

- Marsupial moles are so adapted to underground life that their eyes are vestigial and covered with skin, making them functionally blind.
- Because the marsupial mole leaves no permanent burrow, scientists have never been able to survey it properly, and almost everything known about its e…

What I learned

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