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Animal Fact Sheet

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Star-nosed Mole

Condylura cristata

The twenty-two fleshy rays around the star-nosed mole's snout are not for smelling and not for digging — they are a touch organ, and the most sensitive one known in any mammal. The star packs on the …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Talpidae
Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, and moist lowland forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 35-75 grams
Scientific name: Condylura cristata

Did you know?

- The star-nosed mole is the only mole known to smell underwater by exhaling and re-inhaling air bubbles.
- The 22 rays on its snout are a touch organ — the most sensitive known in any mammal — not a nose for smelling. It can decide whether something is edi…

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