Mole Species in North America

Star-Nosed Mole

Physical Characteristics
• Length (head to tail): 150-200 mm
• Weight: 30-75 grams

Interesting Attributes:
• 22 pinkish “tentacles” extend from the nose and are extremely sensitive
• Prefers very wet areas and is not typically found in lawns and gardens

Hairy-tailed Mole

Physical Characteristics
• Length (head to tail): 140-175 mm
• Weight: 40-85 grams

Interesting Attributes:
• Prefer dry and loose dirt
• Feet can become almost pure white with age

Eastern Mole

Physical Characteristics
• Length (head to tail): 125-200 mm
• Weight: 70-130 grams

Interesting Attributes:
• Most common mole in North America
• Almost identical to the Coast Mole and the larger Townsend’s Mole

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American Shrew Mole
Physical Characteristics
- Length (head to tail): 100-125 mm
- Weight: 50-80 grams

Interesting Attributes:
- Smallest mole in North America
- Does not create mole hills

Coast Mole
Physical Characteristics
- Length (head to tail): 140-200 mm
- Weight: 9-11 grams

Interesting Attributes:
- Virtually indistinguishable from Townsend’s Mole except for its smaller size
- Rare albino specimen found in British Columbia

Townsend’s Mole
Physical Characteristics
- Length (head to tail): 200-240 mm
- Weight: 100-160 grams

Interesting Attributes:
- Largest and heaviest of all moles
- Thought to consume more vegetation than most moles

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Broad-footed Mole

Physical Characteristics
- Length (head to tail): 120-170 mm
- Weight: 65-90 grams

Interesting Attributes:
- Though to be the most solitary of all moles
- Primarily nocturnal