Mole
IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- 6 - 7 1/2 inches long
- short silky fur, grayish to dark brown
- large front feet with palms facing outward
- tiny eyes covered with skin and fur (not visible)
- long, cone-shaped hairless nose; short, stubby tail

Where To Look
Moles are rarely seen as they spend most of their time in underground tunnels and burrows. They live underground in woods, fields, lawns and gardens. They don’t like stony or heavy clay soils.

Tracks and Other Signs
We often see the temporary tunnels in lawns and gardens that moles create as they forage underground for food.

What It Eats
Moles eat insects (adults and larvae), earthworms, snails, spiders, and occasionally mice.

Did You Know...
Although many gardeners consider moles a nuisance, they are actually helping by aerating and fertilizing the soil with their underground tunneling and defecating. They also eat the grubs of many harmful beetles.

Predators and Other Dangers
Eastern moles produce a strong musty odor to deter predators. Snakes, owls, foxes and raccoons will all eat moles when they can catch one.