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Wisconsin Star-Nosed Moles

Star-nosed moles are very interesting animals. They have many features and advantages that are absolutely amazing. For instance, they have a tentacle-like nose that helps them find their way around their burrow and helps them find food to eat. Did you know that **star-nosed moles** have the best sense of touch out of all the mammals? They are also very good divers and swimmers which in turn, help them get away from some predators. One disadvantage for the ***Wisconsin star-nosed mole*** is that they have the problem with the wetland destruction. Most of their homes are in wetlands. More [Wisconsin Wildlife!](#)

A lot of humans will set traps for the star-nosed moles because they tend to build some of their burrows and tunnels in yards. Another downfall for these moles is that they are only able to use their eyes to sense the differences between darkness and lightness. They can't really see anything in detail. Predators sometimes take advantage of this disadvantage. One thing that humans like about the **star-nosed mole** is that when digging their tunnels, they are turning the soil so; they are in turn helping out the ecosystem. It needs every bit of help that it can get. *Wisconsin star-nosed moles* are very distinct and ambitious animals. Enjoy their presence because it's a once in a lifetime moment.

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Star-Nosed Mole

Scientific Name: Condylura cristata

Measurements: length: 20cm, tail length: 2 1/8-3 1/4in, weight: 1-2 5/8 oz

Habitat: variety w/ moist soil, poor drainage, forests, clearings, wet meadows, marshes, water banks.

Diet: earthworms, aquatic prey, leeches, larvae of insects, mollusks, and small fish.

Behavior: semi-aquatic, active on surface more than other moles, active during winter, close star when consuming prey, social, adults make wheezing noises when communicating.

Reproduction: once yearly, mid-March-April, 2-7 young, pregnant for 45 days.

Predators: owls, hawks, domestic dogs, domestic cats, striped skunks, weasel, mink, bullfrog, largemouth bass, and humans.

Life Expectancy: wild: 1-2 years old, captive: 8-10 years old

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Hits: 12561

Extra Facts: important part of wetland ecosystem, star possesses over 25,000 Eimer's organs in space less than one centimeter.

Part of Wisconsin they generally reside: Almost all of Wisconsin.

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