

# Mazama Pocket Gopher

Gopher photos by USFWS



Ears and eyes  
easy to see

Pointed claws



Long whiskers

Protruding  
chisel-like  
front teeth

## Pocket Gopher

- Eats only plants (herbivorous)
- Lives in well-drained soil, mainly prairies
- Makes irregularly shaped mounds out of well processed soil

# Coast Mole

Mole photos by WDFW



Ears and eyes  
not visible

Broad front paws  
with flattened  
shovel-like claws



Pink fleshy nose  
Short whiskers

Sharp carnivorous  
teeth (not easy to see)

## Coast Mole

- Eats mostly worms and insects (carnivorous)
- Lives in variety of soils types
- Makes round, uniform mounds out of clumpy unworked soil

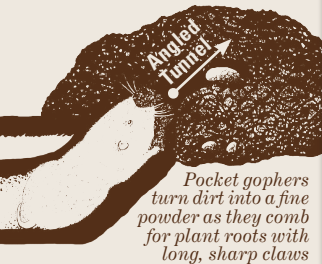
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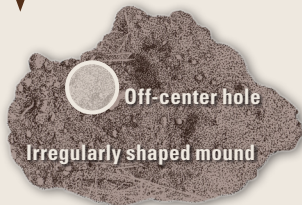
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# GOPHER mound



↓ **SOFT & SIFTED** ↑



overhead view

## Little Mound on the Prairie

Gopher and mole mounds can be hard to tell apart, especially when found in the same place. Sometimes it takes a trained expert to know what clues to look for, including the mound shape and soil condition.

Mazama pocket gophers are found in well-drained soils, like those found in Thurston and Pierce County prairies.

Moles, which are also found in prairies, can occupy a much wider variety of soils.

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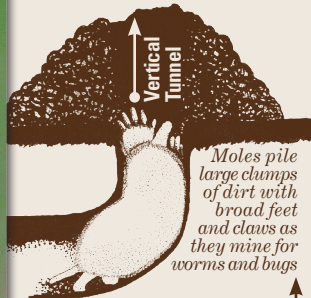
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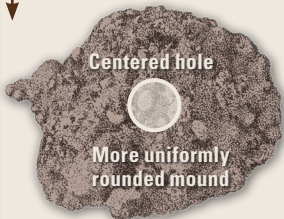
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# MOLE mound



↓ **CRUDE & CLUMPY** ↑



overhead view