

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

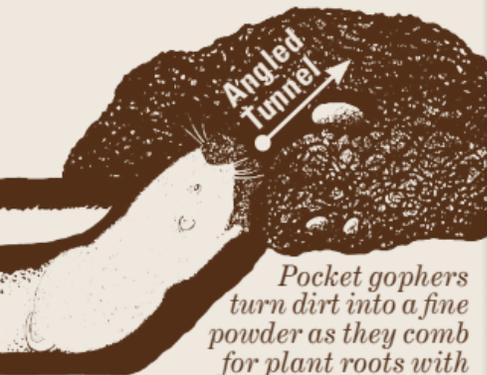
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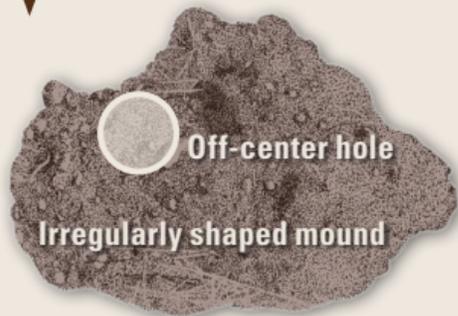


GOPHER mound



Pocket gophers turn dirt into a fine powder as they comb for plant roots with long, sharp claws

SOFT & SIFTED



Irregularly shaped mound

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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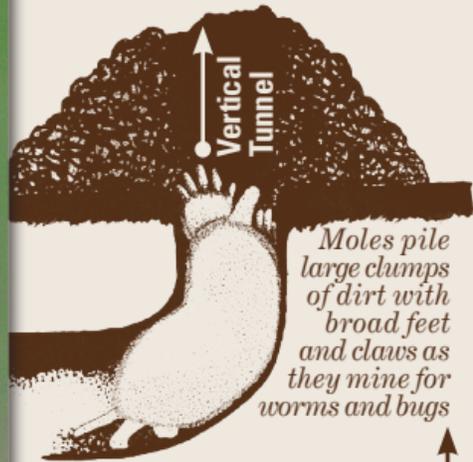


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MOLE mound



Moles pile large clumps of dirt with broad feet and claws as they mine for worms and bugs

CRUDE & CLUMPY



Centered hole

More uniformly rounded mound

overhead view