

# British Nature Guide

## Moles and Voles

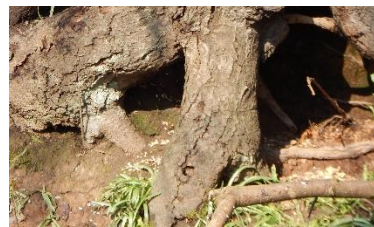


**Moles spend most of their time underground. They feed on worms and grubs, eating dozens every day. You rarely find a Mole looking for food in the open.**

**Moles dig tunnels just below the surface. To clear the spare soil from their tunnels, they push it up to the surface forming molehills.**

**On a dry day look for a molehill where the soil looks darker or damp. If you see the soil moving, it means that a Mole is working just below the surface.**

**Moles can see, but not very well. They have a good sense of smell which helps them to find their food. They have strong front legs and big claws for digging.**



**Bank Voles often dig their burrows under tree stumps. They live together in small colonies and eat grasses, roots and seeds. They are timid little rodents, and with good reason, as Owls, Foxes, Snakes and Weasels will all eat Voles.**

**Sometimes you might see a Vole eating seeds underneath a bird feeder. Watch how they hold their food using their front feet like hands. Stay quiet and still or you will scare it away.**

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