

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Most Sensitive Mammal on Earth



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

No matter where you live, it is likely that a wondrous creature is, right now, at work in or near your lawn. This creature has more ability to sense the

things going on around him than a sophisticated space probe. It can even hear earthworms chewing beneath the ground.

This wondrous and misunderstood creature is the mole. But let's start by dismissing the myth that the mole is blind or that he is crippled. Although his eyes are tiny, he is not blind, and his front feet have specialized claws for digging; this causes him to walk on his knuckles.

The mole's nose and tail have vibration sensors that are more sensitive than any that man's science has been able to make. These sensors are composed of thousands of parts and allow the mole to hear and locate the grubs chewing on the roots of your lawn – even through several feet of soil! In one year's time, a mole can eat almost 60 pounds of grubs – more than enough grubs to kill a fair-sized lawn.

Every one of God's creatures has a purpose, whether we understand it or not. Although you might not like the little trails that moles leave in your lawn, the trails are quite harmless. The thing to remember is that there is a mole on patrol in your yard.

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