

# Pest Bio

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## Vole



Voles have been found to comfort each other when mistreated, spending more time grooming a mistreated vole.

Voles are mouselike rodents that somewhat resemble in appearance a pocket gopher. Vole problems are easily identified by the runways in the grass that connect the burrow openings. The burrow opening are each about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter. Voles cause a lot of damage to yards by creating hole and tracks in the grass. They also eat the roots of plants under ground causing dead spots in the lawn, damaging trees and eating up peoples gardens.

**Call Barrier for help managing Voles**

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### DIET

A voles diet consists of seeds, tree needles, bark, tubers and various green vegetation such as clover, grass and even some insects.

### HABITAT

A voles typical home range is no more that 1/4 acer and has dense ground cover. Voles prefer to build their underground burrows in meadows and are rarely found indoors.

### BEHAVIOR

Voles spend most of their time underground. They are active all year long at all times of day. The can breed any time of year and can have 5-10 litters of 3-6 young each year.

### Vole Facts:

Size: 4"-7"

Shape: Oval

Color: Brown

Legs: 4

Wings: No

Antenna: No

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Chordata

Class:

-Mammilia

Order:

-Rodentia

Family:

-Cricetidae

Genus:

-Microtus