Mammal Surveys for Beginners…..

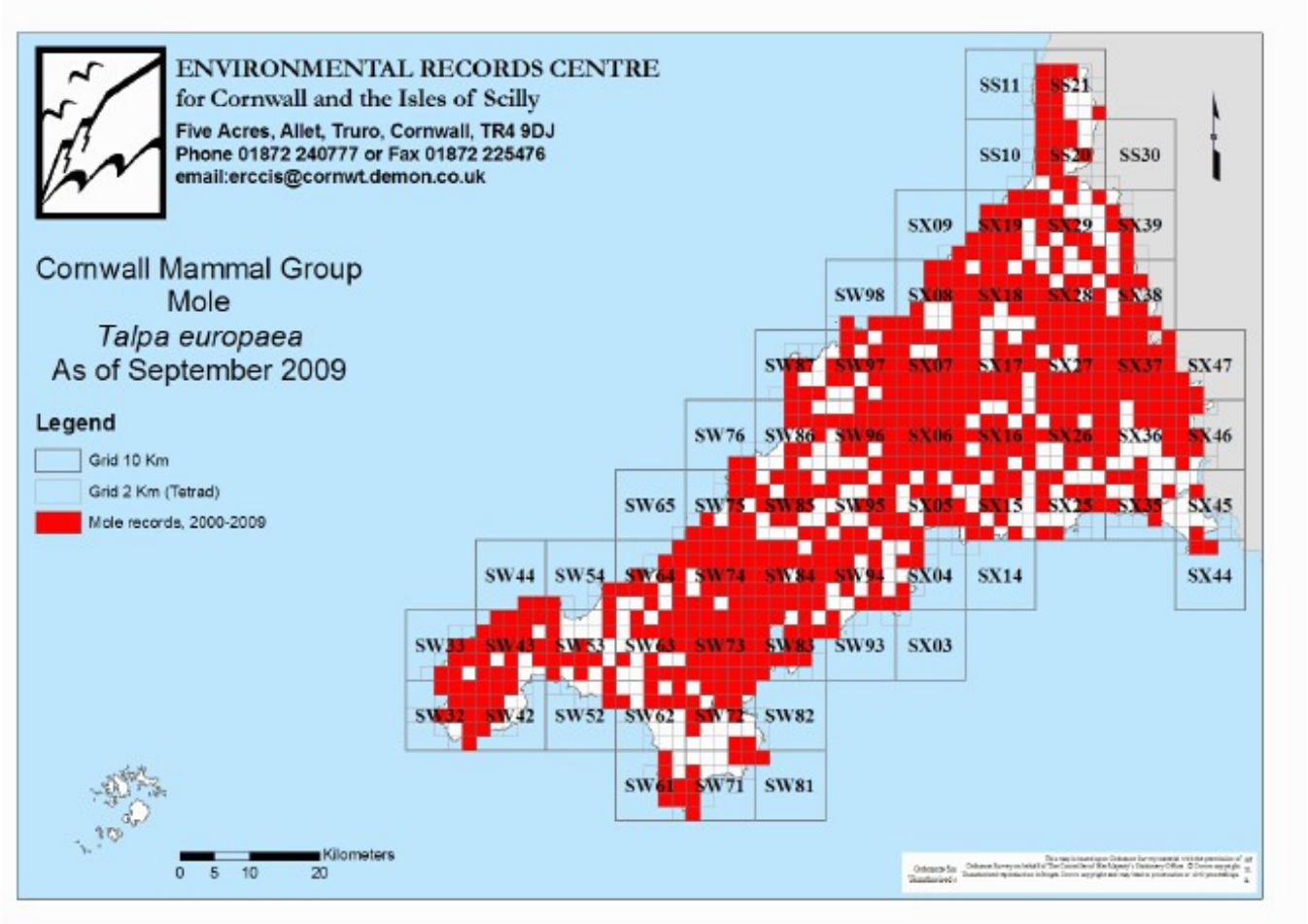
Moles are one of our commonest mammals – probably present over much of Cornwall's farmland, woodland, gardens, parks and verges. Their characteristic spoil heaps - soil from their extensive tunnelling – are a clear indicator of their presence. You can help us to build up a current and reliable picture of exactly where moles occur in Cornwall by letting us know where and when you have seen molehills. This is a great time of the year to look for molehills – there is plenty of activity, as moles are active in four hour cycles all through the year, and this is not masked by vegetation.

You can help by letting ERCCIS know of any mole hills you see on your walks or trips in the country – don't forget – **what** you saw, **where** you saw it (a map reference is helpful, or a clear description to allow the Records Centre to locate your record), **when** you saw it – and **who** you are – make for a useful record.

The areas that we are particularly interested in for mole records are:

1. The Lizard
2. The area between Helston, Camborne and St Ives
3. All of South East Cornwall From Fowey to Callington and Saltash
4. North Cornwall from the Devon Border to Camelford and Launceston

Mid Cornwall from Goss Moor to Newquay.



We would love to hear of any records of moles, or indeed any other mammals you may see, however if you are interested in carrying out a targeted Mole Survey with the CMG please contact us for a detailed map of particular areas that we would like to look at.

You can send us your records through the Environmental Records Centre for Conrwall and the Isles of Scilly at their website www.erccis.co.uk.