

Southern Mole Cricket

ORDER: ORTHOPTERA

FAMILY: GRYLLOTALPIDAE

Neoscapteriscus borellii



Did you know?

Mole crickets spend most of their lives underground, making tunnels and feeding on the roots and shoots of grasses and other plants!

Did you know?

Mole crickets have a heavily armored thorax and shovel-like arms, which allows them to burrow through the ground without causing harm to themselves!

Did you know?

Mole crickets have two antennae and two long cerci at the end of the thorax. Male and female mole crickets have wings, but generally only the females use them to fly!

Look and see!



Mole crickets are considered big time pests when it comes to home lawns and golf courses!

Mole crickets get their name from the similarities they share with the ground mole!



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