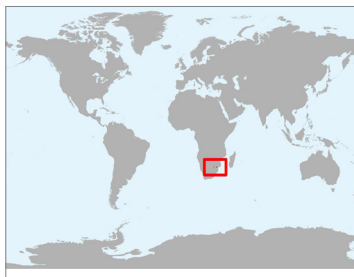




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Species of the Day: Juliana's Golden Mole

Juliana's Golden Mole, *Neamblysomus julianae*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This blind, subterranean mammal is endemic to South Africa, where it is only known from three isolated localities in the provinces of Gauteng, Limpopo and Mpumalanga.

The restricted savannah habitat of this species is under significant threat from human development, with intensive urbanization, mining operations, and agriculture being the greatest concerns. In particular, the subpopulation found on the slopes of the Bronberg Ridge in Tshwane (Pretoria), Gauteng, is at an extremely high risk of being lost in this area due to intensive urbanization and quarrying activities and, as a result, is listed separately on the IUCN Red List as 'Critically Endangered'.

Two of the subpopulations occur within protected areas; the Bronberg Ridge subpopulation is now protected by national and provincial legislation requiring detailed environmental impact assessments and mitigations before any developments may begin. The small area of remaining suitable habitat in the Bronberg, however, makes extinction risk for the subpopulation extremely high.

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