

Pest Profile



Photo credit: [Joseph Berger](#), Bugwood.org

Common Name: Orange Banded slug

Scientific Name: *Arion fasciatus*

Order and Family: Stylommatophora: Arionidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg	3mm x 2mm	Translucent, yellow to light brown.
Larva/Nymph	5mm	Similar to adults, yellow to grey.
Adult	Mature adults: 30mm – 40mm	Pale grayish skin with dark brown stripe running the side of its mandible and continuing along the sides of the body. Below the dark stripes is another yellow-orange stripe. Breathing pore is located on the right side directly under the mantle (top portion behind head).
Pupa (if applicable)		

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Chewing

Host plant/s: Decaying leaf litter, decaying earthworms, green plant foliage, omnivorous to what is available, such as dead and decomposing insects and leaf matter.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Chew holes in the leaves of valuable horticultural crops. Often feed at night, confusing lay gardeners as to what is causing the damage unless the previous evening's slime trails are still visible.

References:

Goh, K. S., Gibson, R. L., & Specker, K. L. (2003). *Banded Slug*. Retrieved January 13, 2016, from http://nysipm.cornell.edu/factsheets/fieldcrops/b_slug.pdf

Paustian, M. (n.d.). *Arion fasciatus*. Encyclopedia of Life. Retrieved from <http://eol.org/pages/455163/details>

Terrestrial Mollusc Tool. (n.d.). ID Tools. Retrieved from
<http://idtools.org/id/mollusc/factsheet.php?name=Arion%20fasciatus%20group:%20Arion%20fasciatus>