

Beneficial Species Profile



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Common Name: Decollate Snail

Scientific Name: *Rumina decollata*

Order: Stylommatophora: Subulinidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		Small, white and round, generally found individually.
Larva/Nymph		Similar to adults but smaller.
Adult	25mm	Pinkish brown, whorled, conical shells. Easy to distinguish from brown garden snail, whose shell is rounded.
Pupa (if applicable)		

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

Host/s: Decollate snails keep to the duff or mulch covered areas under the lower leaves of plants and do not climb. They live under perennial shrubs where there is a regular supply of water and moist leaf litter.

Description of Benefits (predator, parasitoid, pollinator, etc): These snails feed on the eggs and flesh of small to medium sized garden snails. They are used to control brown garden snails and since they do not climb they can be used in combination with toxic baits. Baiting or hand removal of larger brown garden snails is necessary as the decollate snail can only kill small to medium sized prey.

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