

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Brown Garden Snail

Scientific Name: *Cornu aspersum*. Synonym *Helix aspersa*

Order and Family: Stylommatophora; Helicidae

Size and Appearance:

| | Length (mm) | Appearance |
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| Egg | 3 mm | -White and spherical, laid under soil |
| Larvae | | |
| Adult | Shell is about 38 mm in diameter with four to five whorls when full grown | -Brownish soft body, usually covered with slimy mucus-like substance. -Shell is globular shaped, brown in color with yellow flecks and brown spiral stripes. |
| Pupa | | |

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

Host plant/s: Their host plants include boxwood, rose, hibiscus, peach, magnolia and citrus, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, bean, beet, brussels sprouts, lettuce, onion, peas, radish, tomato, and turnips.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Brown Garden Snails are chewers feeding on leaves and fruit but may also scrape the bark off small branches. The feeding damage on leaves include eating large holes in leaves and they may totally consume seedlings.

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