

# Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Tawny garden slug, Yellow cellar slug

**Scientific Name:** *Limax flavus*

**Order and Family:** Stylommatophora, Limacidae

**Size and Appearance:**

|                    | Length (mm) | Appearance   |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Egg</b>         |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• whitish and translucent</li><li>• small</li></ul>  |
| <b>Larva/Nymph</b> | < 120.0 mm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• juveniles are pale greenish</li></ul>  |
| <b>Adult</b>       | ± 120.0 mm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• yellow or greenish in color with lightly colored splotches</li><li>• tentacles are blue</li><li>• mucus is yellow</li><li>• the keel is usually marked with a pale yellow line</li></ul> |
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**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Rasping mouthparts

**Host plant/s:** The tawny garden slug can be invasive and is native to Europe along with its establishment in nearly all continents. This slug thrives in places where agricultural produce is stored as well as in homes and commercial areas. Specifically in Europe, they are plentiful in woodlands.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** High moisture needs to occur in order for slugs to cause significant damage to plants. In comparison to other slugs, the tawny garden slug is of little concern, but all slugs are known as “generalist herbivores.” The tawny garden slug is capable of destroying foliage if the opportunity arises within their habitat. If so, their rasping mouthpart features would produce brown lesions, which could then allow entry for fungal and bacterial pathogens.

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