Identification guide for common and exotic snails



Giant African snail (Achatina fulica)

- Maximum size 20-30 cm
- Native of Africa.
- Prescribed and notifiable pest.
- Not native to Australia.
- Moist habitats.

20-30 cm (maximum size)

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5-10 cm (common size)

20 cm



Common garden snail 3-4 cm



Fraser's land snail 4-5 cm



Green snail 10-12 cm

Common garden snail (Helix aspersa)

- Maximum size 3-4 cm.
- Widely distributed throughout Australia.
- Typically found in suburban gardens.

Fraser's land snail (Sphaerospira fraseri)

- Maximum size 4-5 cm.
- Native of north-east New South Wales and south-east Queensland.
- Typically found in rainforests and wet, open forests.

Green snail (Helix aperta)

- Maximum size 10-12 cm.
- Established in Western Australia.
- Typically found in rainforests.

Further information

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