

Rumina decollata

Decollate Snail

Subulinidae, the land snail family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Land snail with a black to brown body; can be pale yellow to whitish
- Dull, olive-gray foot
- Elongated spiral shell with 4-6 whorls
- End of shell is blunt
- Adults are $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long

Background

- Native to Southern Europe, North Africa, and Western Asia
- Prey on other snails, slugs, small plants, and flowers
- Nuisance to property owners when in large densities
- Can cover patios, sidewalks, and driveways
- Able to break off the top 3 whorls of shell to increase mobility

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