

Cantareus apertus

Green Snail

Other common names: burrowing snail

Helicidae, the typical snail family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Medium sized terrestrial snail
- Olive-green shell with whitish flesh
- Shells are usually around 1 inch wide and 1 inch tall

Background

- Native to Europe and Africa
- Voracious feeders of numerous plant species
- Will burrow into the soil during dry conditions
- Lays eggs in the soil; up to 1000 young snails have been found per square meter
- Spread through host plant material (i.e. hay bales and nursery stock)
- Makes characteristic noise when disturbed

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