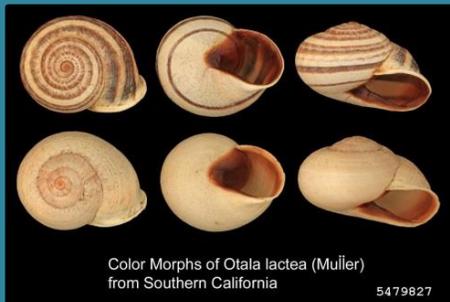


Otala lactea

Lactea Snail

Other common names: milk snail

Helicidae, the typical snail family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Terrestrial snail with a non-globular and slightly depressed shell
- Whitish or brownish with darker speckled stripes
- Mouth opening is dark brown
- Rim of shell resembles a spatula

Background

- Native to North Africa and Spain
- Nocturnal foliage feeders; will feed on a variety of plants
- Edible species; consumed by humans in its native range
- Damages crops, gardens, and other plant communities

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