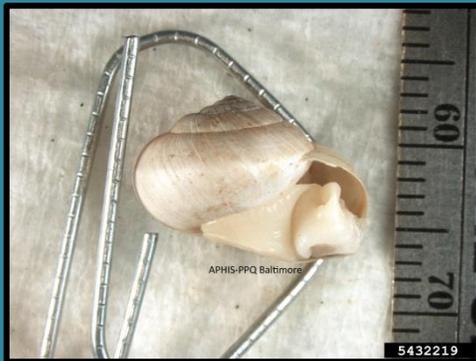


*Cernuella virgata* (*Helicella virgata*)

# Maritime Garden Snail

Other common names: common white garden snail, Mediterranean white snail

Hygromiidae, the land snail family



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Small terrestrial snail; shell less than 1 inch in diameter
- Shell color is not uniform; white or tan in color; may have dark colored spiral bands
- Shell has 5-7 whorls

## Background

- Native to the Mediterranean and Europe
- Can survive long periods without food and in hot and dry weather
- Enters a state of dormancy in the summer after climbing to the top of vegetation or fences; could lead to clogging of harvesting machinery
- **Carries plant, animal and human diseases**

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