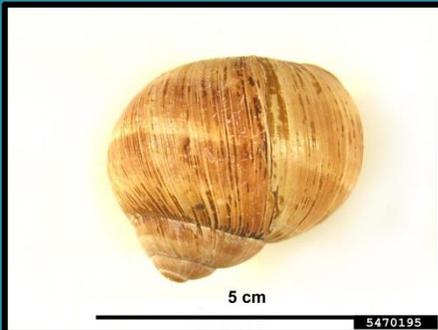


*Helix pomatia*

# Pulmonate Snail

Other common names: Roman snail,  
Burgundy snail

Helicidae, the typical snail family



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Large terrestrial snail with a rounded shell; can reach 1 ¾ inches tall and 2 inches wide
- Color is creamy to light brown with darker brown bands
- 2 pairs of tentacles on the head

## Background

- Native to Europe
- Eaten as “escargot” in French cuisine
- Upper pair of tentacles used for vision; lower pair of tentacles used for smell
- Produces mucus to aid in movement; leaves a trail of slime wherever it goes
- Nocturnal herbivore; feeds on many types of plants and flowers
- Also feeds on soil or rocks to consume calcium for shell
- Hermaphroditic reproduction

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