

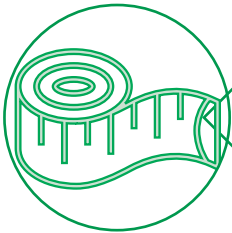
Common Garden Snail

Habitat Hero



Common Name: Garden Snail
Irish Name: Seilide garraí
Scientific Name: Cornu aspersum

Seen in Ireland: Year Round



Size: Garden Snails can grow up to 16 to 20 mm in the 1st year and 26 to 33 mm by the 2nd year.



Habitat (where it lives): These snails are often found in gardens, parks, school grounds, sand dunes, woods and hedgerows.



Diet: They feed on lots of different kinds of plants including some fruit trees and crop vegetables.



Life: baby snails will grow into an adult in just 2 years!. Snails can live up to 5 years.

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Some more Facts:

- This snail's shell has about 5 turns of a shell spiral or 'whorls'.
- The shell is usually pale brown, or yellow, in colour, and they are often flecked with white or yellow-brown.
- Snails are most active at night time.
- During the day they can be found hiding under fallen leaves and other sheltered places close to the ground, for example under fallen Rowan Tree leaves.
- Snails come out of 'hibernation' (a big long sleep over winter) in Spring.
- Every single snail can lay eggs!
- Each snail will lay up to a hundred white pearly eggs in the soil.
- After 2-4 weeks the eggs hatch into tiny baby snails, which will grow into an adult in just 2 years!
- Adult snails will lay eggs a few times in the year, if the weather is good; warm and wet weather is what they like best!
- Snails hibernate when winter comes, by going all the way back into their shells and sealing off the entrance.
- Snails have either a left or right spiral on their shell, like humans who are left-handed, only 10% of snails have a left spiral.
- Snails have teeth all over their tongue to help them to chew their food!

