SLUGS AND SNAILS

(Limax and Helix spp.)

Description

Slugs and snails can be very destructive pests, chewing on leaves as well as stems and roots. Both pests have soft bodies covered with slime and leave a slime trail as they move about. Snails, however, form a hard shell for protection. Both pests are active at night, hiding under stones or debris during the day.

Slugs

Life Cycle

They lay their eggs in the soil and reach maturity in a period from several months to two years. In winter, they migrate below plant debris or deep into the soil.