

Girdled snail

Hygromia cinctella

Description

First detected in Michigan in 2004.

Identification

Shell is triangular or pyramid shaped. About 6-7 mm high and 10-14 mm wide. Tend to be brown to yellow with a white band on the widest part 5-6 whorls. Aperture (opening) of the shell is oval.

Habitat

Native to the Mediterranean region. Found to aggregate in large numbers in gardens and on hedges.

Reproduction

Impact

Due to this species? tendency to aggregate in large numbers and its herbivorous habits, girdled snails pose a threat to native plant communities.

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