

## Carthusian snail

### *Monacha cartusiana*

#### Description

It is thought that marble, stone, and tile imports are significant risk pathways for exotic snails and slugs.

#### Identification

Shells are a pale white/yellow color, with brown stripes. Aperture (opening of shell) is typically the darkest part of the shell in adults. Shells size: 6-10 mm high, 9-17 mm wide.

#### Habitat

Native to Mediterranean region and Southeastern Europe. Found in dry, grassy areas are the preferred habitat of these snails. During the day, they attach to the stems of grasses and plants.

#### Reproduction

#### Impact

Intermediate host for livestock parasites, including sheep lungworm disease. Additionally, established populations may cause damage to horticultural and agricultural crops and threaten native plant





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communities. Two populations have been found in the Detroit area and are under treatment due to a high pest potential.

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