


Giant African snail at-a-glance information

Scientific name	Common name	Distinguishing features	Size (cm)	Present			Notes	Picture
				USA	UK	CAR*		
<i>Lissachatina</i> (syn <i>Achatina</i>) <i>fulica</i>	Giant African Snail	The colour of the shell is variable, but is commonly brown with pale cream streaks. Snails in different geographic regions can have darker or lighter colouration. A key identification feature is the columella which ends abruptly; this feature is constant throughout the lifespan of the snail.	5-10 but can be up to 20	Y (FL)	N	Y	Frequently moved with agricultural products, equipment, cargo and plant or soil matter. It easily becomes attached to any means of transport at any developmental stage; is able to go into a state of aestivation in cooler conditions and so is readily transportable over distances.	

*CAR = Caribbean

This pest may be confused with the rosy wolf snail *Euglandina rosea*.

Further information on Giant African Snails

- CABI invasive species compendium: <https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/2640>
- GISD global invasive species database: <http://www.iucngisd.org/gisd/speciesname/Achatina+fulica>

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