

PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Snails and Slugs

Snails and slugs are among the most bothersome pests in many garden and landscape situations. On plants they chew irregular holes with smooth edges in leaves and flowers and can clip succulent plant parts. They can also chew fruit and young plant bark. Because they prefer succulent foliage or flowers, they are primarily pests of seedlings and herbaceous plants, but they are also serious pests of ripening fruits, such as strawberries, artichokes, and tomatoes, that are close to the ground.



Brown garden snail



Slug crawling on ripe strawberry