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ANIMALS FACT SHEET

## Garden Snails

### Where do they live:

Garden snails live in any moist environment, under rocks and logs, in leaf litter and under the bark of trees. During humid weather or rain, snails can be seen coming out and looking for food.

### What do they eat:

Snails will eat plants, dead insects and fungi.

### How do they move around:

Snails move around by producing a surface of slime and contracting and relaxing their muscular foot. Snails are very slow so you need to be patient if you want to find out where they are going.

### Interesting facts:

- The average garden snail travels at about 70cm per hour, however the fastest snail in the world travels at about 5000cm per hour (50 metres).
- Snails can move upside down on their slimy trail due to the high level of suction.
- In French cuisine snails are a delicacy and are eaten as a dish called Escargot.