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# ASIAN TRAMP SNAIL

“*The Asian Tramp Snail or *Bradybaena similaris* was originally from Southeast Asia. However, it was distributed to the Southern United States. Currently the Asian Tramp Snail is a threat to crops grown in the Southeastern United States as well as gardens and greenhouses.*”

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

The ‘*Bradybaena similaris*’ Asian tramp snail, is a major threat because unlike most snails or slugs, the Asian tramp snail feeds on living plants and not decaying leaf matter. The Asian tramp snail destroys many citrus crops, mustard green crops, cabbage, legumes and grapes.



## CONTROL MEASURES

- In the Southeastern United States, there are no natural predators around, so the destruction will continue with this snail.
- Some populations of Asian tramp snail observed in Southeast Asia are resistant to molluscicide.
- One known variant, the Phorid fly, was able to become a parasite to the snail, making it a host to species of ‘*Megaselia scalaris*’. This fly impedes the growth of the snail.