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Log Sheet Title: Hot On The Trail Of The Amazing Snail

Shell Markings:

Eye stalk sketch:

Plant found on:

Attach photo
or do field sketch

Record **where** and **when** you see the most snails in your garden, park or outside space?

Do It Today!

Instructions to build your very own snail farm:

Get hold a normal 2litre plastic soda bottle. Lie it on its side and cut a slit 10cm long and 5cm deep, kind of like a letterbox, into the side. Lie the bottle down with the slit positioned on the top. Sprinkle in some soft, damp soil to about 2cm deep. Next, push in some tasty looking snail favourites like bindweed (your mum will thank you), dandelion, elder and clover. Any leaves will do, really. They even like kitchen waste such as leftover lettuce, tomato core and cucumber peel - in fact, they love it! Make it look tempting. Pop several snails in through the slit, tape it up with sellotape if you want to keep them to watch for a day but **remember to poke airholes in it and leave it in the shade**. Let them out after a day so they can go back to what they do best - munching the garden!

Snail WOW Triv!

Snails are usually known for being slow. This is a fair reputation as they usually move at around speeds of below 0.002 mph. That is not quick. They move on a muscular foot, covered with mucus and epithelial cilia. Wow!

Incredibly, these amazing creatures typically live for five years, and some have actually been recorded to live for 25 years! That's a lot of veg munching and bird avoidance time.

My Snail Field Notes:

Observe a snail being busy in your outside space & use this area to make your notes

Location: _____

Time: _____

Date: _____

Links of wonder:

Want to find out more about snails?
Here are a couple of our favourite sites:

<http://molluscs.at/gastropoda/terrestrial.html?/gastropoda/->

<http://kids.lovetoknow.com/snail-facts-kids>



Quick Facts

Snails are herbivores.

They have poor vision

They are nocturnal, feeding and travelling mostly at night.

They are accused of being of being noisy eaters, but it's not their eating that's noisy. It's the sound of their raspy tongue, the Radula, scraping away on the food they want to eat.

Don't feed them anything containing salt or sugar - they will die. Nice green leaves or leftover veg are perfect.

Foods rich in calcium are important for them to grow strong shells.

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