

Wanted!

Have you seen

the yellow cellar slug?



What do we want you to do?

- Grab a torch and go on a slug hunt in your garden to see if you can find this nocturnal species
- Take photographs showing the top of each slug
- Match your slug to the ID guide (overleaf)
- Use the online form to let us know what you found and where

Why?

Over the past 30 years, reports of the yellow cellar slug have declined sharply. During this time a second species, the green cellar slug, has started spreading throughout Britain and Ireland. Where is the yellow cellar slug? Has the green species taken over? Are we about to witness a slug go extinct in Britain?

We need your help to find out!



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Have you seen these slugs?

There are three large patterned slugs you are likely to find in your garden:

Yellow cellar slug (*Limacus flavus*)

5 cm

Clear yellow
slime

Long yellow stripe running
along centre of tail

Green-yellow bodies

Blue-grey tentacles

Green cellar slug (*Limacus maculatus*)

Clear yellow
slime

Yellow stripe not present
or very short

Leopard slug (*Limax maximus*)

Clear
slime

Tail often heavily striped

Brown-grey body

Red-brown tentacles

Images approximately
to scale.

Both species of cellar slugs are not considered plant pests and may be beneficial to gardeners. After taking your photographs we ask that you return any of these slugs to where you found them.

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