

Photographing Snails and Slugs for Identification

A minimum of three photos are needed to help identify slugs and snails.

Slugs	Snails
<p>View from above to show color and texture of the body and mantel.</p> 	<p>View from above to show shape, color and texture of shell.</p> 
<p>Side profile of RIGHT side. This is where the pneumostome (breathing pore) is located.</p> 	<p>Side profile to show height of shell.</p> 
<p>Include the sole (underside) of the slug to show the color of the sole and the mucus.</p> 	<p>Include the shell opening to illustrate the shape of the aperture.</p> 

Slug dorsal view: Joseph Berger, Bugwood.org
Snail dorsal view: Yuri Yashin, achatina.ru, Bugwood.org
Slug right side: Joseph Berger, Bugwood.org
Snail side profile: Dani Barchana, Bugwood.org
Slug underside: Frank Peairs, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org
Snail underside: Charles Olsen, Charles Olsen Insect Collection, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org