

COMPARING GALS TO GHOST SNAIL



giant African land snail
Lissachatina fulica
up to 8 inches long



ghost snail
Bulimulus sporadicus
about 1 inch max

COMPARING SHELLS



GALS



columella



ghost snail



columella

COMPARING CHARACTERISTICS

STRIPE PATTERNS

- GALS - strongly contrasting light to dark vertical stripes
- Ghost snail - low contrasting vertical stripes

CURL

- GALS - inward curl of columella
- Ghost snail - straight columella

CHARACTERISTICS

- GALS - feeds on over 500 types of plants, can lay more than 2,500 eggs annually, human health risk, agricultural pest
- Ghost snail - feeds on algae, sometimes suddenly appears in large numbers, causes no damage to plants but is considered a nuisance pest



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