

# Slugs & Snails

**Natural Predators:** blackbirds, ducks, frogs, toads, lizards and snakes all consider slugs and brown snails a delicacy.

**Plants they Dislike:** azaleas, apricot, basil, beans, california poppies, corn, chard, daffodils, fennel, fuchsias, grapes, ginger, holly, parsley, peruvian lily, pumpkins, plum, rhododendrons, rhubarb, sage and swedish Ivy.

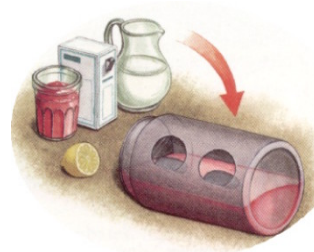
**Plants they Love:** dahlias, delphiniums, hostas, lupines, marigolds, zinnias, and almost any kind of vegetable or flower seedling

**Beer Trap:** Slugs and snails find the yeast in beer irresistible. Bury a container half filled with beer where they can easily



climb into it and die. The alcohol destroys their body tissues. Dump the trapped slugs & snails daily and replenish with trap with more beer.

**A Sugar Shack:** Dissolve 5 ml (1 tsp) each of jam, sugar and lemon juice in a glass of water. Pour the mixture into a can with 2 or 3 openings cut into the side, pushing the metal edges inward. Slugs and snails are attracted to the sweet mixture and will climb into the trap and be killed by the acidic lemon juice.



**Barriers of sand or ash** should be 10 cm (4") deep and encircle the plants entirely. During periods of severe slug infestation, avoid mulching plants with straw, leaves, compost, or other organic materials. Mulches serve not only as a hiding place, but also somewhere for them to lay their eggs.

**Night Stalking:** Slugs and snails are nocturnal. After dark, hunt for them in their favorite feeding places, armed with a flashlight and a salt shaker or a bucket of salty water. Salted slugs and snails do not survive. But make sure not to get salt onto your plants or on the soil since that is detrimental to your plants as well.

**Protect Young Plants:** Encircle young plants with a sand paper collar. You can make your own or use a sandpaper collar from a drill disc. The rough surface will discourage the soft-bodied pests from attacking.



## Grapefruit

### D i e t :

Upturned half- grapefruit rinds are fatally acidic to slugs and snails.

**Keep the bait dry:** Cut sections off plastic pop bottles and use them to hold and keep dry bait like metaldehyde. Moisture can cause fungus growth, making the bait less appealing.