

Mystery snail, trapdoor snail

Why releasing pets and aquaria just doesn't make sense

This large freshwater snail (just over 2 inches in height) was introduced to natural waterways via aquarium dumping, pond flooding and other accidental release. In some places it may be sold (often illegally) in both the live food trade and the aquarium/ornamental pond trade.



Impacts are unknown although large populations have been discovered in ponds, sloughs, and other slow moving waters. It is thought that they can compete with native snails. They are potential vectors for the transmission of parasites and diseases. Their shells can clog water intake screens. Experimental efforts at controlling mystery snails in artificial ponds have had some success but have limited application to natural systems.

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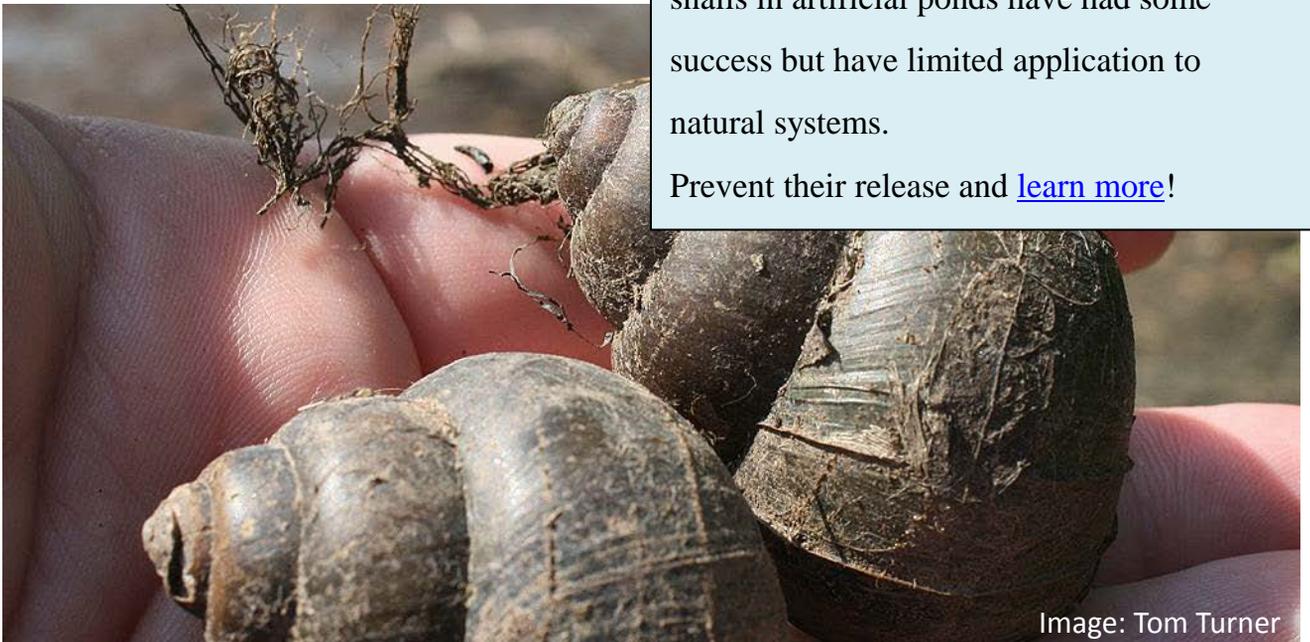


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