

Species of the Month 06/2018 || Giant East African Snail

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NUS Students Against Violation of the Earth (SAVE) and the Office of Environmental Sustainability present “Campus in a Tropical Rainforest”, an initiative that aims to create awareness of the biodiversity that surrounds us in NUS. In each monthly issue, we will be featuring a species that can be spotted or found in NUS to help us get to know them better. So, if you happen to be travelling around campus between classes, remember to stop and look around your surroundings, for you may be surprised to come across some of the other inhabitants of NUS.

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Giant East African Snail

Species: *Achatina fulica*
Family: Achatinidae

 Appearance	 Habitat	 Diet	 Fun Facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conical shell that is brown in colourAdult snails can grow up to 7 cm tall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Native to AfricaCommonly found in gardens and parks but rarely in forested areasThey are most commonly spotted after rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">These snails are herbivores - they can eat hundreds of different plant species, including vegetable crops. As such, they are regarded as an invasive species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Giant East African Snail (<i>Achatina fulica</i>) is used in Brazil as a substitute for the African Giant Snail (<i>Archachatina marginata</i>) in religious sacrificesThey are edible, commonly consumed in Africa, China and Taiwan. Some urban gardeners in Singapore have also tried harvesting and cooking them.A snail can produce more than 1000 eggs in its lifetime

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