

Tree Snail

(Liguus fasciatus)



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Instant ID

- Large snail with a conical shell
- Grows up to three inches long
- Shell is streaked with yellow, brown, pink or green bands
- Body is gray-tan with no markings

Native Niches

- Prefers trees with smooth bark
- Found in south Florida and the Florida Keys
- Inhabits tropical hardwood hammocks

Favorite Foods

- Scrapes algae, fungi and lichens off trees
- Host plants include wild tamarind and pigeon plum



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Critter Characteristics

- Stays in trees throughout its life
- Smaller in colder areas
- Has 52 color varieties in Florida
- Known as “living jewels”
- Dormant (rests) in winter and spring

Population Protection

- Threatened by habitat loss and disturbance
- Fire ants can kill snails during hibernation
- Protected by Florida’s Endangered and Threatened Species Rule

