NEW STATE RECORDS FOR BROWN GARDEN SNAIL (Cryptomphalus apserus) IN IDAHO

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The first official state record of Brown Garden Snail was at the Idaho Botanical Garden in Boise, Ada County August 27th 2005. Information on BGS as a new emerging plant pest went out to the media shortly thereafter. There was significant response from the public regarding suspected BGS infestation in home gardens. 76 respondents contacted ISDA and to date 24 positive BGS infestations have been confirmed. Most infestations were reported from the Boise metropolitan area however there are now official county records in Canyon County (Nampa), Gooding County (Hagerman), Nez Perce County (Lewiston) and Kootenai County (Coeur d'Alene). All infestations to date have been in home garden and urban landscape environments.