

The quick guide to Apple snails

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Housing

- Aquarium with coverplate or pond.
- 5 - 10 cm (2 - 4 inch) Air space above the water.
- 10-liters/2.5 gallon for each mid-sized snail (\pm 5cm/2inch. diameter).



Food

- Vegetables (lettuce, cucumber, small pieces of carrots, green beans and celery).
- Algae and aquarium plants.
- Weeds from the garden.
- Fish food (pellets and tablets).
- Frozen foods, brine shrimps, dead fish and even other snails and their eggs.



Water

- Calcium rich (hard) water.
- pH: 6.5 - 8.0.



Light

- No need for artificial illumination like TL-tubes.
- Shadow rich places preferred.



Temperature

- 18 - 28°C (65-82°F).
- Never below 18°C (65°F).



Reproduction

- Separated sexes (= gonochoristic, NOT hermaphroditic).
- Reproduction peak in spring (temperature and food regulated).
- Female can store sperm for months.



Eggs

- Laid in clutches above the water (most species, some below).
- Several clutches / month possible.
- For aerial eggs: Keep humid, not wet!