



Identify 100 Species - Slugs

The 10 species you are most likely to find in Leicestershire and Rutland

Size? **S**mall / **M**edium / **L**arge

Identify? Easy ● Care needed ●

Target species



Large Black Slug - [Arion ater agg.](#) **L** ●

Not just black – can be brown, red, beige, yellow. Has a coloured, stripy foot-fringe. No keel.

Where? Grasslands, gardens.



Irish Yellow Slug - [Limacus maculatus](#) **L** ●

Green/yellow splotches. Juveniles are much darker. Short keel near the tail.

Where? Gardens, compost bins.



Netted Slug - [Derocerus reticulatus](#) **M** ●

Mainly white, usually with a net-like pattern b/w the tubercles. Short keel.

Where? Everywhere!



Budapest Slug - [Tandonia budapestensis](#) **M** ●

Brown with an orange keel along its back. Often rests in a 'J' shape. Darker central stripe on sole.

Where? Gardens and around buildings.



Leopard Slug – *Limax maximus* L ●

Pale brown with black spots. Occasional unspotted and stripy specimens occur. Will predate other slugs.

Where? Woodlands, scrub, gardens.



Greenhouse Slug – *Ambigolimax valentianus* M ●

Pale brown with 'railway lines'. Has a watery appearance.

Where? Gardens, compost bins.



Brown Soil Slug - *Arion distinctus* S ●

Brown with an orange-yellow sole. Usually covered in tiny gold speckles (hand lens needed). No keel.

Where? Gardens, around buildings and arable.



Blue-black Soil Slug - *Arion hortensis* S ●

Black with white lower sides + orange-yellow sole. Very few gold speckles. No keel.

Where? Gardens, around buildings and arable.



Dusky Slug – *Arion subfuscus* M ●

Orange/brown with darker stripes
Slime stains orange. Stroke its tail! No keel.

Where? Woodlands, arable.



Chestnut Slug – *Derocerus invadens* S ●

Grey/brown. Slim. Pale rim around breathing pore.
Moves more quickly than most slugs! Short keel.

Where? Gardens and around buildings.