DESCRIPTION

This small snail (5.5mm tall x 1.2mm wide) lives underground, up to 2m below the surface, in unwooded calcareous places. Because of its subterranean habitat, this species is often found only as an empty shell, typically in mole hills and ant nests.

There are historical records from West Lothian, East Lothian and Edinburgh. Recently it has been found in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh and Barsalloch beach, Dumfries and Galloway.

Listed on the Scottish Biodiversity List

DISTRIBUTION MAP

THREATS

Threats to this snail are likely to include afforestation and changes to soil structure such as compaction.

ACTION REQUIRED

1. Ensure known sites are managed for this species
2. Ensure the importance of soil biodiversity is recognised
3. Prevent damage to soil structure