

the fields at intervals which should be kept changing to prevent the birds getting used to them; use of repellents or feeding deterrent, TMTD.

Other methods are Use of nylon nets, Fumigation of nests with Aluminium phosphide tablets, Trapping, use of reflecting ribbons.

SNAILS AND SLUGS

Invertebrata

Phylum : Mollusca

Class : Gasteropoda

Snails differ from slugs in having a spirally coiled shell over their body which in slugs is reduced and completely hidden under the mantle.

Common garden snails : *Helix*, *Macrochlamys indica*

Green house snail : *Opeas gracilis*

Giant African snail : *Achantina fulica*

They do a lot of damage to vegetables, garden plants, the damage being more serious in the seedling stage. Giant African snails even damage plantation crops like arecanut, rubber buds and coffee.

Common Indian slugs : *Limax* sp., *Laevicaulis alte*, *Arion* sp.

Management:

Cultural: They can be handpicked and killed.

Chemical: Metaldehyde (5%), copper sulphate solution (1%) and insecticides (arsenates, persistent organochlorines, etc.)