

Giant Applesnail

Pomacea maculata

USGS Nonindigenous
Aquatic Species (NAS)
Database



These large snails are from South America, and are introduced throughout the Southeast United States, from Texas over to the Carolinas. These snails grow as big as a tennis ball and eat large amounts of vegetation and the eggs of other aquatic animals.

What is a non-native or invasive species?

If an organism is introduced to an area where it is not historically known to live, it is considered non-native. A species is considered invasive if it establishes a breeding population and causes harm to the native ecosystem, human health, or the economy.

