

## **Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk**

**Species at risk profile:** Oregon Forestsnail, *Allogona townsendiana*

### **What it looks like:**

A large land snail (23-30 mm) with a brown or yellow-brown shell that sometimes looks bleached. The underside has a deep central pit and a thick, white and flared lip. [Click here for more identification details.](#)

### **Where it lives:**

Lives in moist low elevation forests, often associated with bigleaf maple trees and patches of stinging nettle. [Visit this map for location details.](#)

### **What it eats:**

It consumes forest plants with a preference for stinging nettle.

### **What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?**

Habitat loss through development.

### **Did you know?**

- While they are still locally abundant in the Fraser Valley, this is one of the few places they exist in Canada.
- Snails are most active when the ground is moist, and temperatures are moderate (spring and fall).
- Stinging nettle a favorite food as it has high levels of calcium and other essential minerals which are important for healthy shells.
- Click [here for more facts.](#)

### **How you can help:**

Check out this [guide](#) for Oregon Forestsnail land management recommendations.

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice.

Spot an Oregon Forestsnail? – take photos (both the top and underside), record the location, and send it to [outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca](mailto:outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca).

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).