

The Banded Snail



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Variation of the Banded Snail Shell:



Shell coloration for banded snails is determined by genes and by body temperature. Snails with light shells tend to stay cooler. **Banded snail populations sampled at 16 sites in the Netherlands in 1967 and again in 2010 showed an increase in the number of yellow shells compared to brown ones.** Over 43 years, the area has also seen a 1.5° F to 2°F increase in annual temperature. This was the same for shaded areas, where darker shells provide better camouflage.