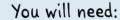




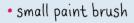
## Mark and recapture garden snails







- an area of garden or pond
- tub or pot
- waterproof paint (non-toxic)



· pad and pen



In your chosen area, find as many snails as you can and collect them in a tub. Write down how many you find.





3 Release the snails back where you found them, and leave them for a few days. Return and do another search – count how many are with and without a paint spot.

Place a tiny dot of paint on the shell of each snail. Don't let the paint touch their bodies, and don't use too much.



Small dot to avoid attracting predators



You can work out how many snails might be living in your chosen area with this sum:

No. of snails in the area

No. of snails in first visit x No. in second visit

No. of marked snails in second visit

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