

# Slugs & Snails, but mainly Slugs!

This is a slug catching trick I'd never come across before and it worked a treat. Credit goes to @HewRichards, who I follow on YouTube.

So apart from keeping your grass cut short and your beds tidy and free of weeds, find yourself a large Rhubarb leaf or a large leaf that would have gone in the compost if you don't have Rhubarb. A cabbage leaf would do just as well. Water the area where you're having trouble with the slimy pests and lay the leaf flat on the soil in the afternoon or early evening. Next morning lift the leaf and check to see if there are any slugs. Large ones can be picked off and the leaf used again, but if you have small ones, you can just pop the leaf on the compost or into your green waste bag or bin and start again. If you don't catch any the first time round just leave the leaf in the same position for another day or two and then check again.

The first time I did this I found well over 50 tiny slugs!



The first picture you would think that it was just debris off the soil, which at first was what I thought, but look closely at the enlarged section of the leaf. Those are baby Slugs and they have just as voracious appetite for your veggies especially in those numbers...

...I happened to come across another way to trap both slugs and snails the other night after the rain. I'd put down some bird seed earlier in the day near my pots in my garden to find in the early morning there was a veritable feast going on. So rather than go hunting for these pesky little beasts you could invite them to a party. I would imagine a small sprinkle of porridge oats would work just as well.



You will never be able to get rid of slugs and snails completely from your plot or garden, but keeping them at a manageable level is the next best thing. The trick is to make a habit of keeping the numbers down, either by catching them or hunting them down.

If you go on the FG4A website you can look at a lot of the archived newsletter/blogs at the bottom of the page. Newsletter 19 has a really good video on how to get rid of slugs and snails naturally rather than using those bright blue, chemical slug pellets.