

SAND LENSES

Winter quarters & quiet retreats

The white tower snail is very rare in Switzerland, as it lacks the necessary habitat. It needs open, sandy soils where it burrows for the winter. If it gets too warm and dry in summer, it can be found – withdrawn into its shell – dangling from dead plant stems.

Nesting place for wild bees

Around half of all wild bees nest in the ground. They dig holes in the ground and build cavities there, called nesting holes. They then lay their eggs in them.

A sandy oasis



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