



LIKE MOST OF New Zealand's ancient Gondwana fauna, the carnivorous land snails *Powelliphanta* have flourished in the absence of mammalian predators, grown outlandishly large, strong and colourful and live for a long time - perhaps as long as 25 years. About two-thirds of the world's *Powelliphanta* are confined to the proposed North-west Nelson World Heritage area. Photo: P & J Morrin

