

Army of 1,000 Ducks Used as Brilliant Pesticide Alternative

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South Africa's Vergenoegd vineyard in Stellenbosch keeps a flock of over 1,000 Indian Runner ducks to help combat tiny white dune snails that would otherwise destroy the budding vines. The ducks' upright and slender posture allow them to navigate the rows of plants, clearing up to a hectare a day.

While the cost of keeping all these ducks is significantly higher than standard pesticides, the duck army is so effective that the vineyard uses minimal chemicals and is recognized for its sustainability. See more images by London-born, Cape Town-based photographer [Mike Hutchings](#) and a video of the ducks working below!





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This is what 1,000 Indian Runner ducks on their way to work looks like. A vineyard in South Africa hires them to eat snails! See photos and a video of them working here:

<http://booo.ms/1000-ducks>

Click here to watch “A vineyard employs 900 ducks”: <https://youtu.be/JbtN952jK9c>
