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European Pond Turtle

Emys orbicularis

The European Pond Turtle is a medium-sized freshwater turtle native to a broad range across Europe, western Asia, and parts of North Africa. It features a domed, dark olive to black carapace often ad...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Emydidae

Habitat: Freshwater wetlands, ponds, lakes, slow rivers, and marshes with dense aquatic vegetation

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 40-60 years

Weight: 0.5-1.5 kg

Scientific name: *Emys orbicularis*

Did you know?

- Despite their aquatic nature, European Pond Turtles can travel over a kilometer on land, especially during the nesting season.
- European Pond Turtles can remain submerged for up to an hour, relying on cloacal respiration to absorb oxygen. They hibernate during the winter, ofte...

What I learned
