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# Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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