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Mary River Turtle

Elusor macrurus

The Mary River Turtle is a unique freshwater turtle native exclusively to the Mary River in Queensland, Australia. It is instantly recognizable due to its elongated tail, which can be as long as two-...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Chelidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 25-50 years

Weight: 1.5-3.0 kg

Scientific name: *Elusor macrurus*

Did you know?

- The Mary River Turtle was only scientifically described in 1994, despite being kept as a pet for decades prior, and is the sole species in its genus.
- The Mary River Turtle can breathe underwater using specialized cloacal bursae, effectively 'extracting' oxygen from water. Juveniles are famous for g...

What I learned
