

Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-eared Slider

Trachemys scripta elegans

The Red-eared Slider is a semi-aquatic turtle known for the distinctive red stripe behind each of its eyes. Native to the southern United States, it thrives in slow-moving freshwater habitats such as...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Emydidae

Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving rivers with abundant vegetation

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 20-40 years

Weight: 0.7-1.5 kg

Scientific name: *Trachemys scripta elegans*

Did you know?

- Red-eared sliders can recognize their keepers and may beg for food by swimming excitedly at the edge of their enclosure.
- Red-eared sliders can absorb oxygen through their skin and cloaca while underwater. They are excellent swimmers and can retract their head and legs f...

What I learned
