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Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-eared Slider

Trachemys scripta elegans

Trachemys scripta elegans is native to a modest slice of the Mississippi and Rio Grande drainages and is now, thanks to the pet trade, one of the world's 100 worst invasive species, established on ev…

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.
- A slider must be in water to swallow — it cannot generate the tongue movement needed to move food down its throat in air, so it drags every mouthful …

What I learned

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