



Red Ear Slider

Common Name: Red Ear Slider

Scientific Name: *Chrysemys scripta elegans*

General Info: Red Ear Sliders live in the Southeastern and central U.S.A. These turtles are calm and can be kept in groups. Females are much larger growing up to twelve inches long. Males are much smaller and have longer tails and long front toe nails.

Temperature/Humidity: Keep these Red Ear Sliders in temperatures ranging from seventy-six to eighty-six degrees Fahrenheit.

Lighting: Full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation is recommended, especially for babies and juveniles.

Feeding/Watering: You may feed your Red Ear Slider feeder goldfish, earthworms, snails, butterworms, etc. Dry fish and turtle food pellets may also be fed to them. Use chlorinated water to prevent bacteria buildup.

Habitat/Housing: A minimum twenty gallon tank is required for two turtles. Much larger groups will need a thirty to fifty-five gallon tank. Provide a water depth of at least six inches. Also, use a bare, sand, or gravel substrate.

Other notes: The painted turtles from the northern and southeastern U.S.A. can also be maintained under these similar conditions.