

Trachemys scripta elegans **System:** Freshwater_terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Testudines	Emydidae

Common name red-eared slider (English), punakorvakilpikonna (Finnish), red-eared slider terrapin (English, Bahamas), sarkanausu brunurupucis (Latvian), Rotwangen-Schmuckschildkroete (German), Krasnoukhaya cherepakha (Russian), Rotwangen-Schmuckschildkröte (German), punakõrv-ilukilpkonn (Estonian), raudonausis vežlys (Lithuanian), rödörad vattensköldpadda (Swedish), rødøreterrapin (Norwegian), rødøret terrapin (Danish), zółw czerwonolicy (Polish), zółw czerwonouchy (Polish), zółw ozdobny (Polish), Nordamerikansk terrapin (Danish), slider (English), Buchstaben-Schmuckschildkröte (German), raudonskruostis vežlys (Lithuanian)

Synonym *Emys elegans* , Wied 1839
Emys holbrooki , Gray 1844
Emys sanguinolenta , Gray 1855
Trachemys lineata , Gray 1873
Chrysemys scripta , var. *elegans* Boulenger 1889
Pseudemys scripta elegans , Stebbins 1985
Chrysemys scripta , (Boulenger 1889)
Pseudemys scripta , (Jordan 1899)
Testudo scripta , Schoepff, 1792

Similar species

Summary *The red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) has been the most popular turtle in the pet trade with more than 52 million individuals exported from the United States to foreign markets between 1989 and 1997. Despite the vast worldwide occurrence of the sliders little is known of their impact on indigenous ecosystems, clearly research and education on the dangers of releasing pet turtles into the wild are needed. Their omnivorous diet and ability to adapt to various habitats, gives them great potential for impacting indigenous habitats.*



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