

Yellow Bellied Slider

Scientific Name: *Trachemys Scripta Scripta*

Native to: Alabama to Virginia

Maximum Length: 5 – 12 inches

Life Span: 20 – 30 years

Characteristics:

The yellow-bellied slider turtles are native to the southeastern United States from Alabama to Virginia. The yellow-bellied slider is a land and water turtle belonging to the family Emydidae.

Care tips:

Enclosure: 75-gallon tank or larger, water 16-18 inches deep.

Substrate: Reptile sand or even fine pea gravel.

Habitat: These turtles are natively found near freshwater lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers. Therefore, provide your turtle with an aquarium with water deep enough to swim and a basking area where they can get completely out of the water.

Temperature and Lighting: UVB and heat lighting are required. 72 -80F degrees for water temperature and 90 – 95F degrees for basking areas are ideal.

Food and Water: Yellow bellied slider turtles enjoy commercial turtle food, feeder fish, meal worms, wax worms, crickets and chopped vegetables.