

The red eared slider

This reptile is 4 inches long



A Red-eared slider's shell is a dark green oval marked with yellow. It has green legs with thin yellow strips. It has a green head with a red stripe behind the eye.



Red-eared sliders are found most in permanent slow-moving water with mud bottoms in the eastern three quarters of the state. Red-eared sliders live in ponds that are shallow.





Red-eared sliders eat aquatic plants. Small fish like mosquito fish and decaying material.



They bury themselves in loose soil or mud during the winter to escape the cold. When population numbers get high, these turtles move across land to other bodies of water in search of food and space. The females lay their eggs in holes in sand or mud.

