

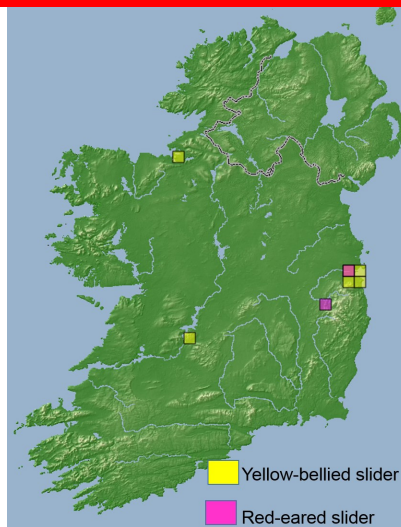
# INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!



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Yellow-bellied slider  
Red-eared slider

**Invasive species alert for:** *Trachemys scripta scripta* (Schoepff, 1792)

**Common name(s):** Yellow-bellied slider

**Why the concern?** The yellow-bellied slider is a non-native species in Ireland. It has been introduced to many parts of the world primarily through escape or deliberate release as an unwanted pet. While this species is not believed to be able to successfully reproduce under current climatic conditions in Ireland, it can persist locally, competing with native species for food and resources. It can also impact on some nesting bird species by using nests to bask. There is also a risk of disease and parasite transmission to native species and humans.

**What does it look like?** The yellow-bellied slider is a species of turtle that with a shell (carapace) length of 125-289 mm. It has a large yellow blotch behind the eye which is most evident in juveniles and females. Broad vertical bands may be visible when viewed from the side. The underside of the shell is yellow and there are narrow yellow stripes mark the front surface of the front legs.

**Where might I see it?** Generally found in ponds, canals and rivers. It can be found basking on banks or other surfaces.

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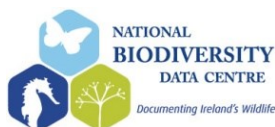
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