

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

Red-Eared Slider



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Yellow-Bellied Slider

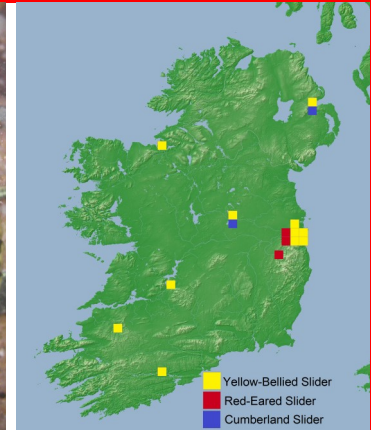


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Cumberland Slider



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

Common name(s): Pond Slider

Subspecies: Yellow-Bellied Slider (*T.s. scripta*), Red-Eared Slider (*T.s. elegans*), Cumberland Slider (*T.s. troostii*).

Why the concern? The pond 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? **Red-Eared Sliders** are dark green with some yellow colouring and most prominently has a red stripe behind the eye. **Yellow-Bellied Sliders** are dark brown with broad vertical bands on their side, yellow undersides and narrow yellow stripes on their front legs. They have a large yellow blotch behind their eyes, which is most prominent in juveniles and females. Both of these subspecies can grow to 30cm in length. **Cumberland Sliders** have a green shell with black and yellow spots and can grow to 21cm in length.

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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