

HOW TO TELL...

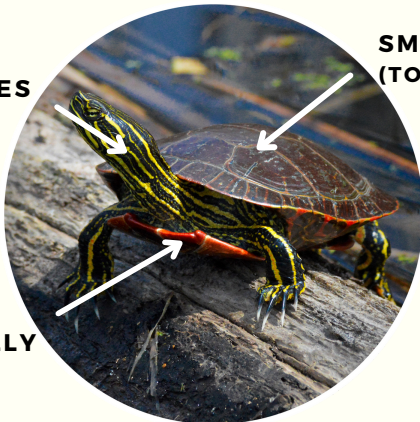
RECOGNIZING NATIVE VERSUS INVASIVE SPECIES

NATIVE SPECIES: PAINTED TURTLE

Painted turtles are native to North America and are commonly seen basking on logs or other structures in small ponds, marshes, or slow-moving waterways. Some distinct characteristics may help you recognize them...

**YELLOW STRIPES
BEHIND EYE**

RED UNDERBELLY



**SMOOTH CARAPACE
(TOP OF SHELL)**



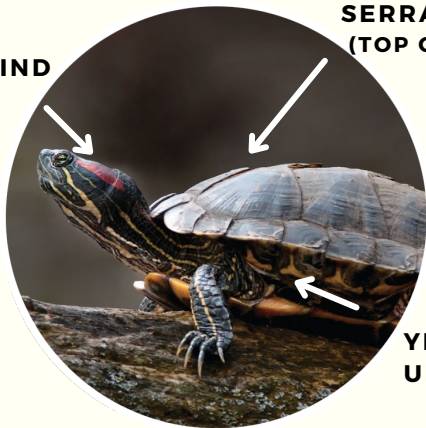
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INVASIVE SPECIES: RED EARED SLIDER

The red-eared slider is not native to Pennsylvania but has been introduced through pet owner release into ponds or slow-moving waterways, where they threaten native turtles like the painted turtle. The red-eared slider may be mistaken for the painted turtle. Some distinct characteristics may help you tell the difference...

**RED MARK BEHIND
EYE**

Learn more
about invasive
species here:



**SERRATED CARAPACE
(TOP OF SHELL)**

**YELLOW/ ORANGE
UNDERBELLY**