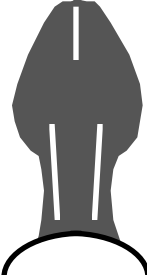
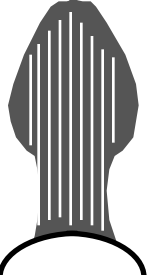
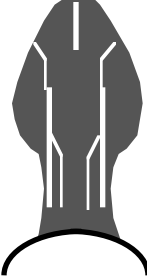

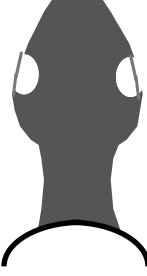


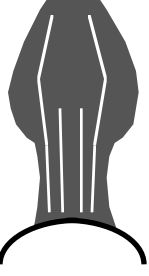



# IDENTIFYING WATER TURTLES

**LARGER**

**SMALLER**

 <p><b>Florida Red-bellied Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: smooth; high rounded; color varies (red coloration on top if shell not too mossy); highest in middle, widest at rear; rear margin smooth</p> <p>NOTES: males have longer claws &amp; tails</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 15"</p>	 <p><b>Chicken Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: finely wrinkled, net-like pattern of yellowish lines; noticeably longer than wide</p> <p>NOTES: neck almost as long as shell when extended; broad yellow band on front legs; many fine lines on neck; black &amp; yellow vertical stripes on tail and things (striped pants)</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 10"</p>
 <p><b>Peninsula Cooter</b></p> <p>SHELL: smooth; rounded but not domed; color varies (yellowish to orange markings on top if shell not too mossy); front highest then gradual slope to rear; rear margin toothed</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 16"</p>	 <p><b>Striped Mud Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: three light stripes run lengthwise down top of shell; noticeably longer than wide</p> <p>NOTES: two light stripes on head, top one over eye (shown), second from eye down</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 5"</p>
 <p><b>Yellow-bellied Slider</b></p> <p>SHELL: rough, slightly knobby; margin slightly toothed; yellow bars on each side</p> <p>NOTES: "striped pants" but no broad yellow line on front legs like chicken turtle</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 11.5"</p>	 <p><b>Florida Mud Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: brownish overall - no color patterns on shell; smooth; noticeably longer than wide</p> <p>NOTES: stripes on head so faint they probably won't be visible</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 4.7"</p>
 <p><b>Snapping Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: flat, squat; small "teeth" on back part of shell pointing to rear</p> <p>NOTES: wide head, hooked beak; three saw-toothed ridges lengthwise on top of tail; not a basking turtle</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 19"</p>	 <p><b>Stinkpot (Musk) Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: dark brown to black; high</p> <p>NOTES: conspicuous fine yellow stripes along head and neck</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 4.5"</p>
 <p><b>Florida Soft-shelled Turtle</b></p> <p>SHELL: soft, leathery, pliable; flat appearing; shells of young brightly colored but frequently darken with age</p> <p>NOTES: snorkle-nose</p> <p>MAX. LENGTH: 24"</p>	<p><b>ACCIDENTALS</b></p> <p>Red-eared Turtle: bright red patch on each side of head. MAX LENGTH: 11.5"</p> <p>Map Turtle: low flat shell; net-like pattern of yellowish lines &amp; circles resemble streams on map; prefers rivers and large bodies of water. MAX. LENGTH: 10.75"</p> <p>Alligator Snapping Turtle: three prominent knobby ridges on back of shell, large head; not usually found south of panhandle. MAX LENGTH: 29"</p>