

RED-EARED SLIDER (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) PAINTED TURTLE (*Chrysemys picta picta*)

Red-eared Slider →



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Painted Turtle in the wild in PEI →



Green Thumb Photography

There are **no freshwater turtles** native to PEI. Released turtles may carry non-native parasites & diseases that impact frogs, toads and salamanders and may cause lasting ecosystem effects.

Both Red-eared Sliders and Painted Turtles are sold in the pet trade, however, buying, selling or keeping these turtles on PEI is prohibited.

Characteristics: The Red-eared Slider has a red stripe by its ears, which the Painted Turtle lacks. These species are also similar in size and can grow to lengths of 10-25 cm. Painted turtles are native to both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, while the Red-eared slider is native to Southern USA and Mexico.



DON'T LET IT LOOSE

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Take action in reporting invasive species. To report a sighting please contact PEI Invasive Species Council at peiinvasives@gmail.com, or for more information, go to peiinvasives.com