



Musk Turtle *Stenotherus odoratus*

This is the only turtle suitable for keeping as a starter animal in the UK; it is a small and likeable turtle.

Description and size

The Musk is about 12cm when full grown. Males have much thicker tails than the females and are smaller. The Musk is a small bottom walking animal but it is a reasonable swimmer. In the wild it prefers shallower ponds with lots of vegetation.

Razorback Musk (*Stenotherus carinatus*) and Loggerhead Musk (*Stenotherus minor*) - are of similar size and need similar care.

Food

As per the care sheet but these animals are carnivorous and enjoy additional live food content.

Observations

Young musk turtles do love their warmth so water initially should be at 25-28^oc and be no deeper than 10cm with places to hang on near the surface.

The following turtles can be kept in indoors however they do get big and require large tubs with associated filtration and lighting. They are not beginners' animals.

Often these animals come up for re-homing and should you wish to offer one of these animals a home then an adult would require an enclosure capable of holding 350 litres of water – about 1.5m x .6m and .4m deep. Each additional animal would require about 100 to 150 litres more water. In these species males are smaller and have long front claws.



False Map Turtle *Graptemys pseudogeographica pseudogeographica*



Mississippi Map Turtle *Graptemys pseudogeographica Khonnii*



Yellow Belly- *Trachemys scripta scripta*
Note; Yellow "S" on cheek



Red Eared Slider *Trachemys scripta elegans*



River Cooter *Pseudemys concinna sp.*



Cooter *Pseudemys concinna sp.*