

Turtles of the Mary River



White throated Snapping Turtle –
Elseya albagula

Short-necked, relatively large species, females up to 38cm in length, population in decline, occurs in Mary, Burnett & Fitzroy Rivers. Identified by bulky shell, large head & white face (females).



Saw shelled turtle *Elseya latisternum*

Small up to 28cm in length.
Abundant in upper catchment
Identified by serrations to end of shell, mottles or uniform in colour.



Eastern long neck turtle

Chelodina longicollis

Small turtle, up to 25cm in length.
Identified by its long neck, yellow/black underside & a pungent scent which is emitted when handled.



Mary River Turtle – *Elusor macrurus*

One of the largest short-necked turtles in Australia. Shell up to 42cm in length (males) 33cm for females. Only found in the Mary River. Prefers flowing water. Identified by exceptionally large tail (males).



Kreffts River Turtle *Emydura krefftii*

Small turtle up to 25cm in length.
Commonly seen, found in dams & rivers.
Identified by distinct yellow stripe behind the eye.



Broad-shelled river turtle *Chelodina expansa*

One of the largest long-necked turtles, up to 48cm in length.
Rarely observed in the wild.
Identified by broad shell & flat head.

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