

# 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.

Endangered

Short necks

**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.

Long necks



**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.