

EAST AUSTRALIAN Freshwater Turtles

Identification guide to Genera



Chelodina (Chelodina)



Chelodina (Chelydera)



Elseya



Wollumbinia



Elusor



Emydura



Rheodytes



Introduced pest

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Duncan Limpus | A, B, C, E and F
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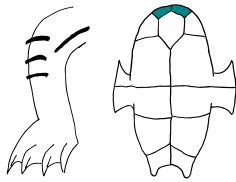
Identification key

Stripes along neck and legs.

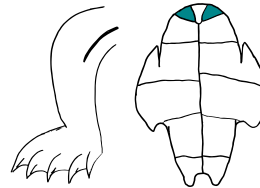
Introduced pest species

No stripes along neck and legs.

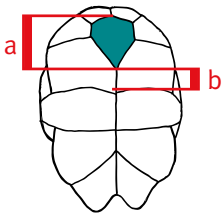
Forelimbs with 4 claws,
gular scales touching



Forelimbs with 5 claws,
gular scales separated

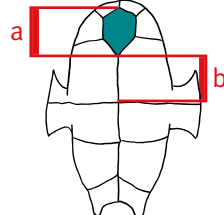


Intergular (a) twice length of
suture between pectorals (b)



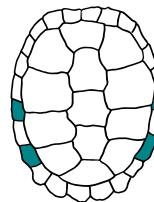
Genus
Chelodina (Chelondina)

Intergular (a) similar in length
to suture between pectorals (b)

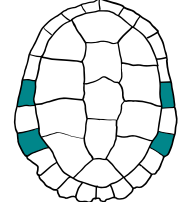


Genus
Chelodina (Chelydrea)

2nd/3rd costal division
match up with 7th marginal,
3rd/4th costal division
match up with 9th marginal

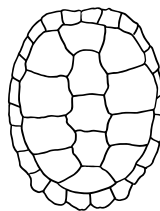


2nd/3rd costal division
match up with 6th marginal,
3rd/4th costal division
match up with 8th marginal

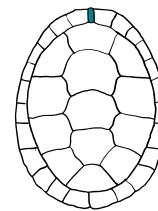


Genus
Rheodytes

Nuchal usually
absent



Nuchal usually
present



Pointed tubercles on
neck, temporal not smooth,
small raised scutes

Genus *Elusor*

No pointed tubercles
on neck, temporal smooth
with flat scutes

Genus *Emydura*

Intergular equal width
or wider than gular

Genus *Wollumbinia*

Intergular narrower
than gular

Genus *Elseya*