

## Painted sideneck turtle



### PROFILE

*Common Name:* **Painted sideneck turtle**

*Latin Name:* **Emydura subglobosa**

*Native To:* **Australasia**

*Size:* **10"**

*Life Span:* **30-50 years**

### HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

#### ***Environment:***

Found throughout Australasia, sidenecks are a mostly aquatic species of turtle that inhabit slow moving streams and ponds.

#### ***Vivarium Size:***

A large fish tank 36x12x15 for an adult specimen (approx. 12" of space for more than one specimen) with hatchlings and juveniles being housed in smaller tanks.

#### ***Substrate:***

Sand or fine gravel will work very well as substrate for these turtles. Larger gravel and pebbles should be avoided as they can harbour bacteria which can compromise water quality.

#### ***Food and Water:***

The sideneck turtle enjoys a varied diet in the wild. Molluscs, invertebrates, fish and insects are all taken readily. There are a number of prepared turtle diets that will mimic this high protein diet. Live food such as earthworms, mealworms, bloodworm and beetle grubs make wonderful additions to the diet as will fish and aquatic snails. The depth of the water should be a minimum of 2x the length of the turtles shell and must be maintained with a low flow filter.

#### ***Heat/Light Requirements:***

As with all reptiles, painted sideneck turtles are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. Sideneck turtles are diurnal and require bright basking lights and full spectrum UV lighting.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your turtle:

Hot spot: 30 - 35°C

Water temperature: 20 -27 °C

Night temperatures: 20 - 22°C

#### **FURTHER READING:**

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