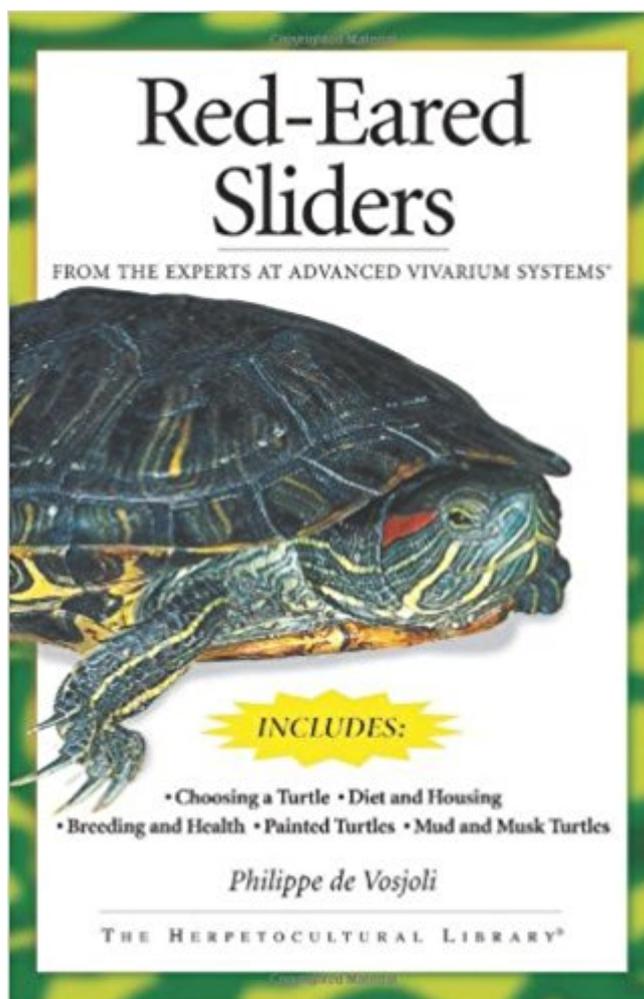


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# Red-Eared Sliders: From The Experts At Advanced Vivarium Systems



## Synopsis

The remarkable red-eared slider is a freshwater turtle that belongs to the Emydidae family of turtles, of which there are currently fourteen subspecies. Although popular pets among children, red-eared sliders require a considerable amount of special care, and this colorful guide provides the necessary information to keep these turtles properly attended in captivity. *Red-Eared Sliders*, written by herp expert Philippe de Vosjoli, provides guidelines for keepers who wish to have success keeping, displaying, and breeding red-eared sliders and other popular freshwater turtles. This *Advanced Vivarium Systems* title includes information about selecting a healthy example, quarantine and acclimation considerations, housing needs, water and feeding, as well as solid advice about keeping red-eared sliders healthy and thriving. A separate chapter on diseases and disorders provides a complete primer on the health needs and veterinary care of these rewarding reptiles.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good basic book about red-eared sliders. You will learn details about sex identification and varieties, environmental needs, diseases, feeding, and even breeding. The author does a good job of describing the types and sizes of enclosures needed, water filtration, basking and light needs, and temperature. The need to have an easy system of water cleaning is emphasized. There is some discussion about recognizing symptoms of sickness and how to solve the problem usually either through changes in the environment or diet. Even with a book such as this, caring for turtles

would definitely be somewhat of a learn as you go endeavor. This book can get one started but careful observation and fine tuning is required.

Anyone who has ever wandered around a Petland discounts or some other pet/aquarium store surely must have seen a red-eared slider. They're usually sitting dumbly in a tank with a little water, lots of decorative rocks and plastic plants, with a humiliating handwritten sign taped to the glass that says "MUTANT NINJA TURTLES!" Well, if you ever pick up a copy of Vosjoli's book about the most common turtle in America, you're sure to find out that that's NOT the way sliders are supposed to live at all. Vosjoli, a herpetologist (someone who studies turtles), gives you the run-down on the do's and don'ts of red-eared slider care; he gives you tips on how to mate turtles, what temperature to keep their water at and how to prepare some good chow for these hungry, fast-growing creatures. He also provides information on many different varieties of red-eared sliders as well as other kinds of turtles, like soft-shell turtles or painted turtles, who are able to live in the same environment as red-eared slider. Short and susinct yet full of useful information, this book is a must read for lovers of these animals

This book is full of information that every beginning trainer should understand. I owned my turtles for over 4 months without this book. Then, when I ordered this book from ..., and I read it over 4 times, I started to apply what I had read with my turtles. I saw a tremendous change in them, they're shell got darker, which is a sign of good health, and they didn't get scared when I took them out of their tank. I hope if you are a beginner trainer, you will order this book, so your turtles can have a better life.

On Friday, March 30, about 7:45 in the evening, my life changed dramatically. My daughter in law gave me a red eared slider turtle. Along with the turtle, came this book. The book is better than nothing, and certainly gives a long range picture of what to expect if keeping the turtle for the duration of it's life. but I felt that the beginning stages of the animal's life cycle was far too brief. There needs to be a book that centers on very first steps with these animals. I've been a wreck for almost four weeks, becuase I still dont feel I have enough information to know what I'm doing well enough. I do not recommend this book as a single source. Only as one of many on turtles, if in fact others exist. I do applaud the author on stressing that turtles are not toys, let alone suitable pets for small children. Also, the part about keeping the turtle warm, which I am still fighting even with a reptile light.

I have used this book for a couple of years now sort of as my "Bible" on raising my slider turtles, thanks to it I was able to successfully raise a hatchling & make upgrades to my setup to meet the needs of 3 growing turtles. It covers a broad spectrum of just about everything you need to know from housing to feeding to breeding. This is just a great book!!

I bought this for my late sister, who's boyfriend was oblivious to taking care of any living thing. My sister would read the information and tell him how the turtle should be taken care of and not to over feed, since the turtle would expand faster than his shell could grow, which could lead to death. This book is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! It saved the 4" turtle's life was almost 12" big, the last time I saw it.

The information in this book is all accurate. The author clearly knows what he is talking about. Unfortunately there isn't much detail about certain aspects of owning a red-eared slider such as how much to feed it, issues of egg binding, behavior, how they process sensory input (vision and smell) etc. I was actually able to find more information on certain websites after doing a Google search. Not worth the money.

Book worked well for my kids who were beginners in the area of raising red eared sliders. Good information as the kids had the turtles for a few years and then were able to put them in a more natural environment. Adapted well and are still going strong!

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