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## CARING FOR YOUR CUMBERLAND TURTLE

**Scientific Name:** *Trachemys Scripta Troosti*  
**Native to:** *South Central United States.*  
**Maximum Length:** *Males- 3.5 - 4.5 inches*  
*Females - 6.5 - 8 inches.*  
**Life Span:** *Several decades.*



### CHARACTERISTICS:

The Cumberland Turtle, also known as the Cumberland Slider, is a semi aquatic turtle and is found throughout the Mississippi and Tennessee River drainages, and the southeastern U.S. The nickname 'Slider' comes from their habit of sliding into the water when the turtle senses danger while basking, and they go to deep waters for safety where most predators cannot pursue them.

### CARE TIPS:

**Enclosure:** Juvenile turtles are easily housed in a standard 10 or 20 gallon aquarium. Adults require a minimum of a 75 gallon filtered aquarium for an adult pair.

**Substrate:** Reptile sand or even fine pea gravel. If gravel is used, it should be large enough that it cannot be eaten.

**Habitat:** Make sure to provide plenty of space for your turtle, including a basking area where it can get completely out of the water and a swimming area with water deep enough to fully submerge and swim.

**Temperature and Lighting:** Provide UVB lighting, a basking area of 90 degrees and water temperature of 70F to 75F degrees. The basking platform must allow the turtle enough room to stretch out and fully dry its shell and plastron to avoid shell rot. Place the basking light on one end of the tank and the other end should be kept as a cooler area. A rock or log, resting firmly on the bottom of the terrarium, is ideal for the basking area.

**Food and Water:** Cumberland turtles are omnivores. Their diet should consist of a mix of pelleted turtle food, crickets, mealworms, and leafy greens such as romaine, collard, and turnip greens.