

# REEVE'S TURTLE

(*Chinemys reevesii*)

NONNATIVE



**Description:** Small to medium turtle (up to 9 inches long) with an oval shaped, light to dark brown colored carapace that has three dark colored dominant ridges, or keels, running from the front to the back of the carapace. The plastron is bright yellow with a large brown splotch on each scute. The head is dark brown to black with many long, broken, or curving yellow lines on the sides.

**Habitat:** Semi-aquatic; native to Japan, Korea, several Asian islands, and southeastern mainland China. Inhabits shallow slow-moving streams, canals, or ponds with soft sand or mud bottoms, and sometimes rivers. Common in the pet trade, escaped or unlawfully released captives are sometimes found wandering residential areas or in urban ponds.

**Behavior:** Omnivorous; eats aquatic plants, fruits, worms, insects, frogs, and fish. Frequently leaves the water to bask on logs or rocks.

**If you find one:** If you find a Reeve's turtle away from a source of water, where its welfare is questionable or threatened, please contact the [nearest Game and Fish office](#) or the Phoenix Herpetological Society for information and recommendations.

