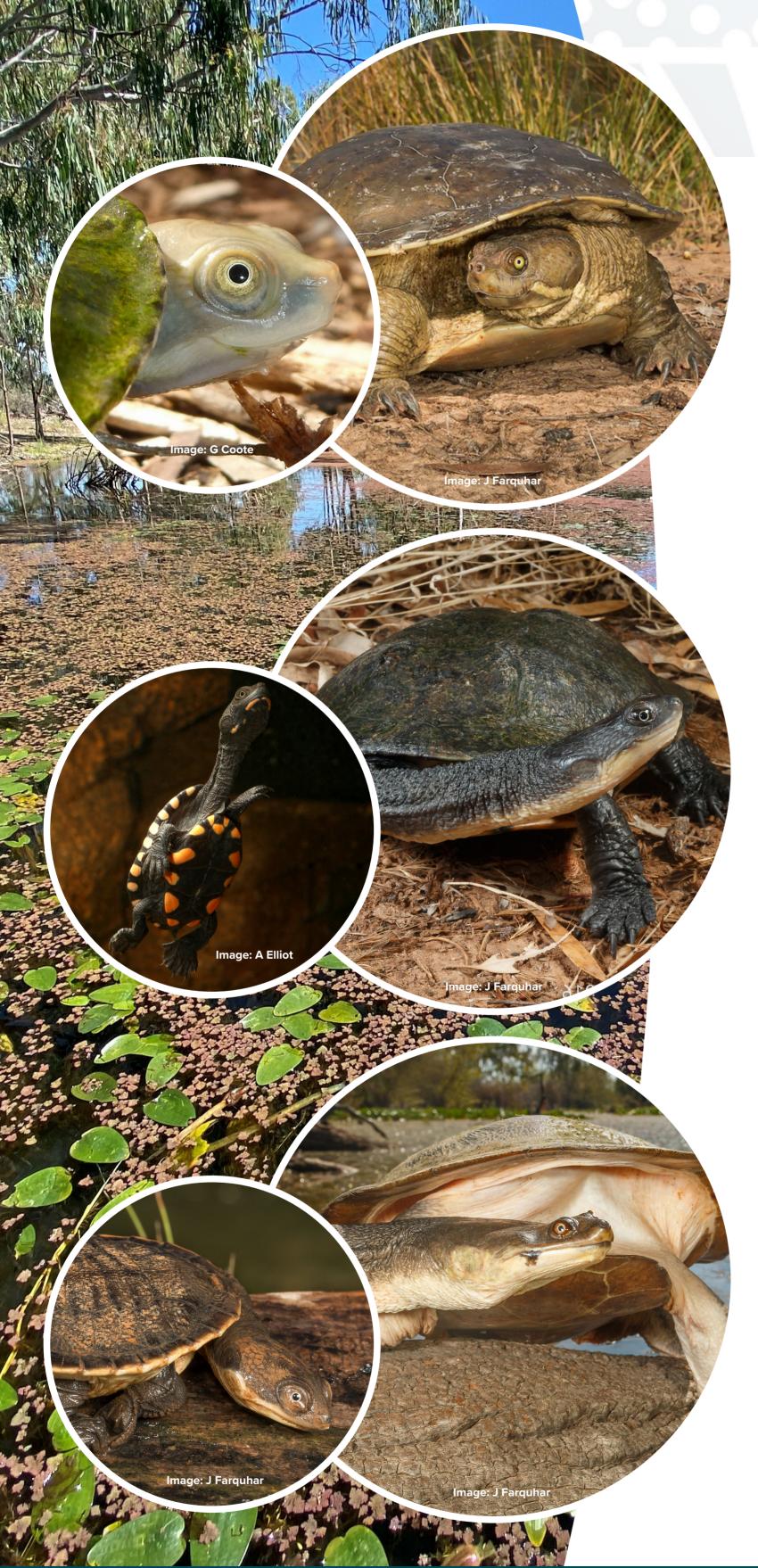
River Murray turtles

in South Australia



Murray short-necked turtle (Emydura macquarii)

Listed as vulnerable in South Australia.

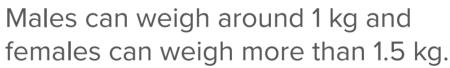
The Murray short-necked turtle is distinct from other species of River Murray turtles by its relatively short neck and creamy-yellow stripe running back along the side of the head from the corner of the mouth.

Its olive green/bronze shell grows to about 30 cm in length. Males can weigh around 2.2 kg and females up to 4 kg.

Eastern long-necked turtle (Chelodina longicollis)

Not rated as threatened however numbers have declined sharply.

The eastern long-necked turtle is the smallest of the River Murray turtles. Its distinctive shell grows to about 25 cm and has black lines between the plates on the underside.





Broad-shelled turtle (Chelodina expansa)

Listed as vulnerable in South Australia.

The broad-shelled turtle has the longest neck of any turtle in the world!

It is the largest of the 3 River Murray turtle species with a shell up to 50 cm long. Males can weigh up to 4 kg and females can exceed 5 kg.

When small they can look like eastern long-necked turtles but the underside of the shell does not have black lines.











