

TOTALLY TURTLES!

Red-Eared Sliders (top) make great pets, but should never be released to the wild. Not only is unfair to the turtle, who is used to delivered meals and a safe tank, it is damaging for other wildlife. Red-Eared Sliders are an invasive species that will then compete with native species for resources. This can be damaging to native turtle populations. You can identify a Red-Eared Slider by the large red marking on their ears.

Midland Painted Turtles (bottom) are one of 8 native species of turtles found in Ontario. You can identify a Midland Painted Turtle by the yellow and red striped markings on their body that look like paint stripes.

