

TURTLE Project

Together Understanding and Restoring Turtles in our Landscapes and Ecosystems



Freshwater turtles are declining across South Australia – and together, we can help.

Our goals

- Raise awareness of turtles and why they matter
- Collect vital data with the help of citizen scientists
- Protect turtle nests and habitats through on-ground action
- Create a South Australian turtle management plan to guide future conservation



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Things you need to know about turtles

If you have turtles in your dam or creek, it's more likely to be a long-necked turtle. These turtles:

- Eat waterbugs, small fish and dead animals in the water
- Play important roles in improving water quality
- Release a pungent smell if disturbed
- Move from water bodies to seek new habitat (at any time) and to nest (from October to December)
- Can travel many kilometres over land
- Can survive weeks out of water if necessary
- Hatch from the nest in autumn and occasionally spring
- Need water plants to hide in as babies
- Are under threat from fox predation of eggs and adults, and road crossing accidents

How you can get involved

The TURTLE Project encourages people to:

- Record turtle sightings in TurtleSAT
- Install basking sites
- Create turtle islands
- Protect nesting areas
- Control feral animals
- Install turtle friendly fencing
- Attend local events and share information
- Share the word about turtle conservation
- Keep up with the latest updates by following flow.landscape.sa.gov.au/turtle-project

Together, we can protect turtles for the future.

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