Caring for your Yellow Belly Slider Turtle

**Scientific Name:** Trachemys Scripta Scripta  
**Native to:** Alabama to Virginia  
**Maximum Length:** 5 - 12 inches  
**Life Span:** 20 - 30 years

**Characteristics:**  
The yellow bellied slider turtles are native to the southeastern United States from Alabama to Virginia. The yellow-bellied slider is a land and water turtle belonging to the family Emydidae.

**Care Tips:**  
**Enclosure:** 75 gallon tank or larger, water 16-18 inches deep  
**Substrate:** reptile sand or even fine pea gravel.  
**Habitat:** These turtles are natively found near freshwater lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers. Therefore provide your turtle with an aquarium with water deep enough to swim and a basking area where they can get completely out of the water.  
**Temperature and Lighting:** 72 -80F degrees for water temperature and 90 - 95F degrees for basking areas are ideal.  
**Food and Water:** yellow bellied slider turtles enjoy commercial turtle food, feeder fish, meal worms, wax worms, crickets and chopped vegetables