



Dear Tally Pal,

Firstly, thank you so much for taking part in this citizen science project. Your assistance is greatly appreciated, and you will be a part of assisting in student education and giving further understanding of current numbers and locations of introduced turtles in the UK.

To begin with, we are asking our Tally Pals to go out to lakes and ponds, still bodies of water to look for and observe turtles. Ideally, we would like you to submit photographs and these are more likely to be distant ones due to turtles tending to leave when you get too close. In this guide, we have included silhouettes of turtles that you are most likely to see. All you need to do is head out and look for turtles that may have come out of the water to sunbathe on logs and banks. If you have binoculars, that will help.

Final step is to upload your information to our web page at: www.turtletally.co.uk

The minimum information needed:

- 1) Date of sighting
- 2) Location of turtle(s) – As specific as possible (grid reference), name of location
- 3) Number of turtle individuals seen during observation trip

Additional information:

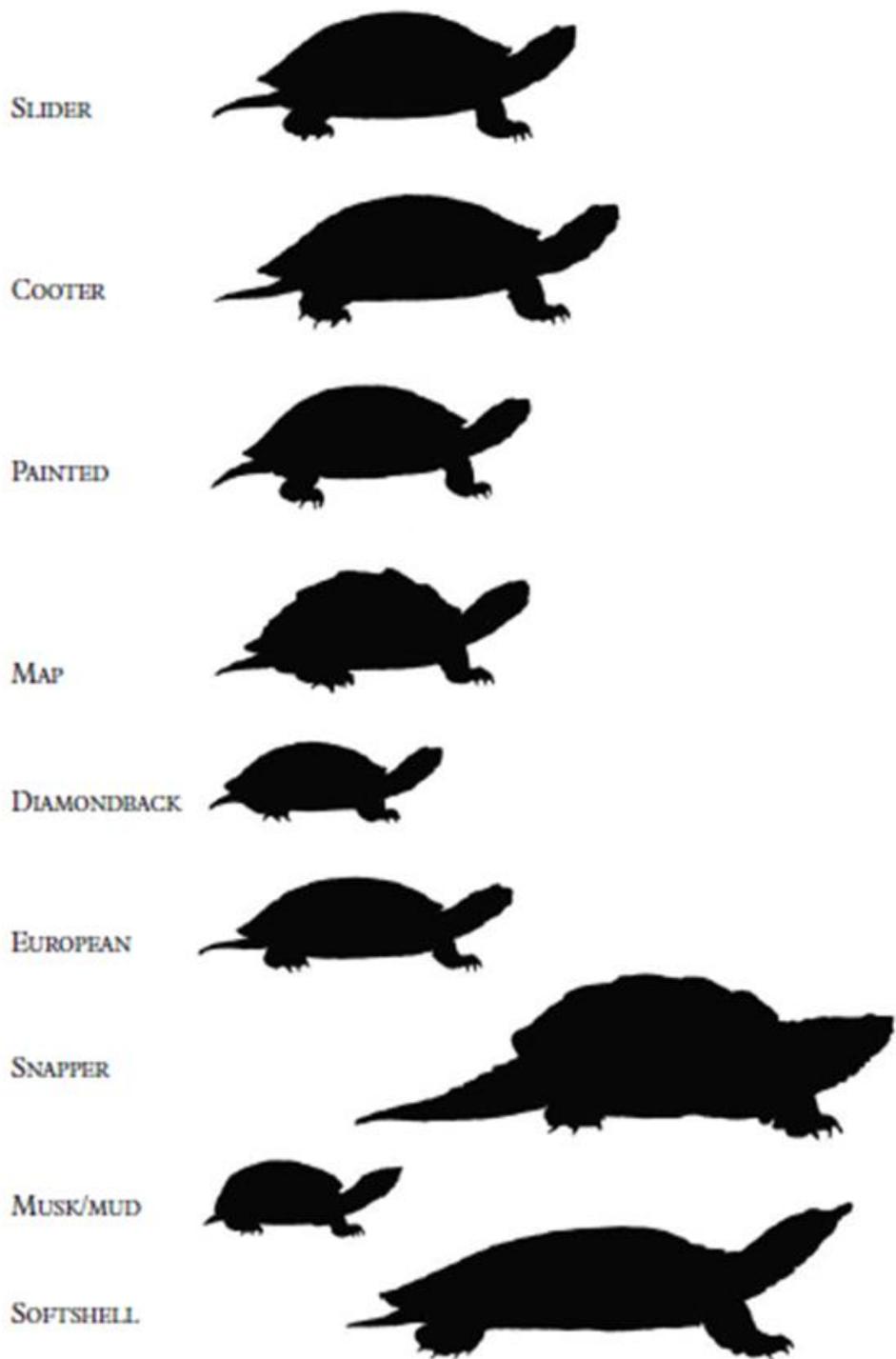
- 4) Photographs of turtles
- 5) Observer name
- 6) Contact details (to follow up if we need further clarification)

We are happy to receive sightings throughout the year. The best time to start is March through to October time.

Good luck, enjoy and happy turtle spotting!

P.S. We are only looking for observations and sightings, so there is no need to handle or interfere with the animals.





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