

# Reeve's pond turtle

Kusa-game

## Scientific name

*Chinemys reevesii*

## Classification

Turtle order Geoemydidae

## Distribution

Almost all of Japan (some information is well established in southern and central Hokkaido) Taiwan, Korean Peninsula, China (southeast). It inhabits slow-flowing rivers, lakes, ponds and marshes.



## Feeding Habits

It is an omnivore and eats fish, amphibians, aquatic insects, crustaceans such as shrimp and crabs, earthworms, and aquatic plants.

## Characteristics

There is widely individual variation in the color of the back shell, and various colors can be seen from candy brown to dark brown to black. It has three well-developed keels on its back shell. There are irregular yellow-green lines and spots on the sides of a head and neck. In mature males, the mottle disappears and the whole body turns from black to dark brown.

## Behavior and ecology

Basically diurnal, mating in water in spring and autumn. In Japan, from June to August, digging a hole in the waterside and 4 to 11 eggs laid at once, one to three times per year. The origin of the Japanese common name is that it gives off an unpleasant odor when it feels dangerous, so it is called Kusa-game means bad odor turtle.