

Tortoise Identification & Information Chart

SPECIES	Mediterranean Spur Thighed	Western Hermann's	Eastern Hermann's	Horsfield's	Kleinman's	Marginated	African Spurred	Leopard
LATIN NAME	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	<i>Testudo hermanni hermann</i>	<i>Testudo hermanni boettgeri</i>	<i>Agrionemys horsfieldii</i>	<i>Testudo kleinmanni</i>	<i>Testudo marginata</i>	<i>Geocheloone sulcata</i>	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>
TYPICAL LENGTH	11 - 28cm	12 - 18cm	18 - 22cm	14 - 20cm	10 - 15cm	25 - 35cm	60 - 90cm	50 - 70cm
NO. OF FRONT TOES	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5
FLEXIBLE PLASTRON	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Slightly	No	No
COLOUR (ADULT)	Varies with sub-species	Bright gold & dark parts	Drab with subtle markings	Dark olive green/brown and black	Golden with thin dark lines around scutes	Dark with yellow highlights	Yellowish shell with pale legs & head	Yellow shell with black splashes
SHELL SHAPE	Oblong	Broad	Broad	Low / Flat	Highly domed	Elongated, highly flared scutes	Domed	Highly domed
SPURS ON THIGHS	Yes	No	No	Small scaly tubercles	No	No	Multiple	Horny tubercles
SPURS ON TAIL	No	Yes, large	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
HIBERNATES	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
LIFESPAN	100 + years	90 years	90 years	50 years	50 years	100 - 140 years	50 + years	
NATURAL HABITAT	North Africa, Southern Europe, South-west Asia	South-west Europe	South-west Europe	Afghanistan & Central Asia	Egypt & Libya	Southern Greece, Balkans & Italy	Sahara	Southern Africa