

TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA ELEGANS (Red-eared Slider). USA: FLORIDA: COLUMBIA Co.: River Rise Preserve State Park, Santa Fe River, 0.3 km downstream from River Rise (29.8716389°N, 82.5897917°W; datum WGS84). 13 June 2007. Gerald R. Johnston. UF 152605. Verified by Kenneth L. Krysko. New county record. Adult male (carapace length 160 mm, plastron length 148 mm, mass 680 g) captured by hand while snorkeling. A second specimen, UF 152604, was collected in Santa Fe River on 12 October 2007. This non-native turtle was previously observed in the Santa Fe River in 1987 (K. Enge, pers. comm.), 1991 (R. Ashton, pers. comm.), and 2006 (GRJ), but no voucher specimen was collected. Alachua County is the southernmost distribution where *T. s. scripta* naturally occurs (Thomas 2006. *In* P. A. Meylan [ed.]. *Biology and Conservation of Florida Turtles*. Chelonian Research Monog. 3:296–312). Morphological intermediates between native *T. s. scripta* and non-native *T. s. elegans* have been recorded from the Florida panhandle in Leon County (Aresco and Jackson 2006. *Herpetol. Rev.* 37:239–240), as well as the Santa Fe River (AL, YVK, and GRJ, pers. obs.), suggesting that *T. s. elegans* might be negatively affecting the existence of the native population.

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