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*Lepidochelys olivacea* (Olive ridley turtle)



*Eretmochelys imbricata* (Hawksbill turtle)



*Caretta caretta* (Loggerhead turtle)



*Natator depressus* (Flatback turtle)



*Chelonia mydas* (Green turtle)

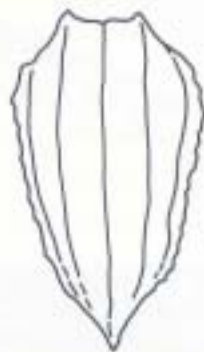




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## IDENTIFICATION KEY

Carapace with  
- 5 distinct ridges  
- no large scales



*Dermochelys coriacea*  
(Leatherback turtle)

Carapace with  
- no continuous ridges  
- large scales

4 pair costal scales



5 pair (rarely 6) costal scales  
- carapace longer than wide  
- colour red-brown to brown  
- no pores in scales of bridge



*Caretta caretta*  
(Loggerhead turtle)

6 pair or more costal scales  
- carapace approximately circular  
- colour grey green  
- pores in scales of bridge



*Lepidochelys olivacea*  
(Olive ridley turtle)

2 pair prefrontal scales  
- thick overlapping carapace scales



*Eretmochelys imbricata*  
(Hawksbill turtle)

1 pair prefrontal scales  
- no thick overlapping carapace scales



- carapace low domed with upturned edges  
- preocular scale  
- colour olive grey



*Natator depressus*  
(Flatback turtle)

- carapace high domed  
- no preocular scales  
- colour light to dark green with dark mottling



*Chelonia mydas*  
(Green turtle)