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Re: Red-eared Slider Turtles...cute but deadly

I am writing with concern regarding the invasive species of turtle called "The Red-eared Slider". I remember having them as a young girl, but until recently I didn't realize they are the culprit of the disappearance of our native turtle "The Western Pond Turtle".

Your position with the state is our chance to get the word out to the public asking them NOT to release Red-eared Sliders in ponds. EVEN more important is to ban the sales of Red-eared Slider Turtles in California.

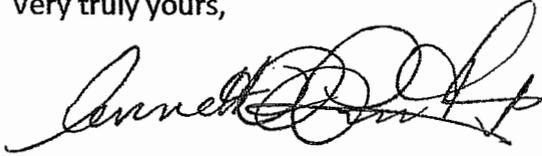
I am posting notices in every likely place I can to get the word out there. I believe if the public were more educated about wildlife concerns, they would happily honor the chance to be part of saving and living in harmony with our wildlife. Of course, we will always have our sorry suckers who are, in effect, against themselves and will NOT benefit much of anything for the cause of bliss.

I hold fast to the thought that soon our schools will have more education about our local wildlife than wildlife abroad. I can foresee class curriculums that teach children about the importance and wonder of wildlife in our backyards. And, I believe, if our future leaders and people in general knew more about "How to live in harmony with our wildlife", they would honor and cherish such a blessed gift as our wildlife as well as the chance to be part of their survival.

I have been active with 2 wildlife rescues for 5 years now, and I am on the Ed Bird Team with Gold Country Wildlife Rescue. When I attend an event with an ambassador bird like our

organization's American Kestrel, I see the love that folk have for our wildlife; and they DO want to know more about "How To Live In Harmony With Our Wildlife". YOU, can help this belief become fact. Please ban the sale of Red-eared Sliders in California.

Very truly yours,



Annette Rodgers Purther

"Learning To Live In Harmony With Our Wildlife"



GHOW=Great Horned Owl

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