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# Dreistreifen-Klappschildkröten – ein Update

## *Key Mud Turtle Update*

### **Abstract**

In three visits in 2007 I had to observe a dramatic change in the habitat of Summerland Key. The pond in which *Kinosternon baurii* had been a common species had an extreme low water level with a reddish brown color. In October I observed additionally pinkish algae all over the surface. Except for one hatchling there had been no observation of *Kinosternon baurii* anymore. As possible reason I discuss the efforts of the State of Florida to removed all of the non-native vegetation from the area, especially the Brazilian Pepper, *Schinus terebinthifolius*.

### **Key words**

Testudines, Kinosternidae, *Kinosternon baurii*, Florida Keys, Summerland Key, dramatic population decline, invasive species

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